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**TUESDAY, 23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2015**

*Mr Speaker took the Chair at 9.00am.*

Prayer.

**MR SPEAKER:** With all due respect I greet the dignity of the House gathered here this morning. I believe that everyone is present and I greet you all; Hon Prime Minister, Cabinet, Leader of Opposition and all the Members of Parliament.

I humbly acknowledge and thank you for your patience and presence as we come to this day to continue with the Financial Statement, which is an important matter to be discussed in any Proceeding of the Legislative Assembly. Our Meeting hours are being extended with the intention that we can work together in prioritizing our time. We will proceed with our orders of the day and I am grateful to all the Members that have made their comments while the country was listening in support and I commend you for that. We praise the Lord for this new morning as the country continues with its normal duties and commitments. Continue in your support of this Parliament as we continue with our Proceedings and the Lord will continue to bless us with His Grace. Before we went on our break yesterday the Member for Falelatai and Samatau Constituency was completing his comments.

I will give the opportunity to the Member to conclude his remarks while another Member prepares to comment on our Appropriation Bill. I call on the Member.

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**Afioga TAEFU LEMI (Falelatai & Samatau):** Thank you Mr Speaker, let us continue this new morning.

This Constituency is supportive of the prayers offered in gratitude to our Heavenly Father which has led to our good health this new morning with the support of Samoa.

Mr Speaker, I was going to conclude my comments yesterday as I was addressing the Ministry of Health asking the Hon Minister to consider a hospice for us. Our constituents pass away at Falelatai before they reach Faleolo or Leulumoega hospitals. I have given a list to the Hon Minister. There is a need for an oxygen machine.

I have heard from other Members that they need a housing facility for the male staff, some furniture, a dialysis machine but Hon Minister, I do not want any of that, just something that the constituency can go to and seek refuge for treatment and prescriptions and an oxygen machine for the children.

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The hospice in our constituency was there when this Party was established. It was requested by the former Deputy Prime Minister who was from this constituency but in the end, there was no hospice. We are confused with our attempts. Hon Minister, I humbly ask to sympathize with this Constituency. We are used to the phrase ‘what is good for Apia is good for Savaii’ and this is the same belief of our constituency ‘what is good for Savaii, is good for Falelatai and Samatau’.

Mr Speaker, the intention of our Appropriation is to distribute appropriately and plan well if we are to live within our means together with our continuous prayer ‘give us this day our daily bread’ and ‘forgive us our trespasses’. With that Mr Speaker, I apologize to the House for any offense I may have caused in presenting the needs of my Constituency. My intention is the improvement of the service through recommendations. When the doctor does his rounds, three to four visits tied up the entire morning and I feel the process should be considered.

The intention is that the processes are well implemented. There is a report that needs to be done but has not been done and perhaps this is the best time to do it. That is my humble request to sympathize with the doctors. No one is perfect and when there is an illness that cannot be treated a report should be given to those responsible.

Thank you Mr Speaker. God bless this Parliament and Samoa from the elderly to the young. Blessings also upon my Constituency, Falelatai and Samatau. God bless this Meeting.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you for the remarks Member for Falelatai and Samatau. This is the norm where comments are delivered with a calm voice and the Hon Minister has heard the constituency’s requests.

Member for Alataua West, you may take the floor.

**Afioga LAFATELE PATRICK LEIATAUALES (Alataua West):** I stand with respect Mr Speaker to present the view of my Constituency in regards to the Appropriation now tabled before the House.

Before we begin our comments with the economy of Samoa, we should first greet the dignity of the House; Mr Speaker, Leader of the Government and your Cabinet as well as the Members of Parliament.

I greet the dignity of Samoa; His Highness, O le Ao o le Malo, Heads of various Government Ministries who are the hands and feet of the Executive. To the Holy Servants of our Lord in all corners of our country, I commend you all for the Work of our Lord.

We cannot forget our brothers in the East; Governor General and the Cabinet, President of the Senate and the House, Mr Speaker and the Members as well as the support of Tutuila and Manua. There will be a time when I will greet my dear Constituency but we will first contribute to the economy of Samoa and the Appropriation.

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Mr Speaker and the dignity of the House, our contribution is to offer recommendations for improvements to developments in our Constituency.

I noted from yesterday that many Members put forward their developments. However this Constituency feels that it has been seven years of patiently waiting and we have only just received water supply. We believe that the distribution is not simple when allocating amongst 49 constituencies but we advise that you be patient.

Mr Speaker, there are not many Ministers that I wish to address. Our school at Falelima Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture I will leave that to your discretion. The school is rotten. Is there a fund available yet....

**MR SPEAKER:** I beg leniency of the Member, I call on the Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture.

**Afioga Hon Magele Mauiliu (Minister of Education, Sports and Culture):** As I mentioned in the past, schools are the responsibility of the villages and communities. There is a time when the Government assists as well as international organizations to help villages and communities. I know Falelima has put in their request. The list has been given to JICA and I see that Falelima is at the top of the list so it will not be long. There are close to 30 requests but Falelima is at the top of the list and the requests are progressing. But this is specific to the Committees with the assistance of the Ministry to regulate the requests. You have done your duty and the Constituency has heard that you put forward a request and it is now with JICA and it will be considered soon, thank you for your patience.

**Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II:** Mr Speaker a point of order to the Members speech.

**MR SPEAKER:** The Member or the Hon Minister?

**Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II:** The Member.

**MR SPEAKER:** Address the Member.

**Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II:** It was clear from your speech that your Constituency waited for seven years but for many years our Members have persisted for the water for Alataua West, it was not only seven years, it was many years before that. Thankfully the Member has sat in the seat and the water is accessible.

**MR SPEAKER:** I beg tolerance of the Member I will give the floor to the Hon Prime Minister.

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**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, there is a difference. There are villages with flowing water and there are some without and that is why we employ engineers to drill the earth. Sometimes they dig and dig and there is no water after digging more than 100 miles underground. Then the search continues. When it rains the water flows underground and it accumulates there. This is why when water is found and it is clean then it is drilled but if it cannot be drilled then it cannot be helped. A month of digging is not cheap. This is why SLC purchased its own machine. There were complaints stemming from the attempts to dig but water supply cannot be halted while waiting for the one machine in Savaii, especially the area in Savaii that have made requests because there are no rivers in those parts. To this day, the rivers are drying up because of logging which is why environmental programs are being enforced to stop logging.

Mr Speaker, there are many drilling projects and if the drill hits rock, the whole month of drilling is wasted. The water at Falealupo was drilled for a long time. If an area near the Member for Falealupo's plantation was not drilled, water would not have been found. Water was also found at the WESTEC plantation at Faleolo. The earth in this part of the country has many aquifers.

Mr Speaker, I explain this because it is not a simple task. There are parts of the country that lack running rivers and there are some parts of Samoa that have. When the sun is hot the rivers dry up. This is because of the careless logging of trees which is supposed to help keep the water from flowing to the sea. That is the assistance.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you. I call on the Member for Falealupo.

**Afioga Hon Aeau Peniamina Leavaiseeta (Falealupo):** It is true. The Hon Prime Minister is right about the water at Falealupo and it has been tested. There is only one plateau and it extends to us. The drillers know this because they did not begin where we are. The Hon Prime Minister knows because he was at the opening of our water at Falealupo. Not far off there is this plateau that we are all on which was drilled and the water was exceptional but it is true that it took a long time. It is dependent on the available resources....

**MR SPEAKER:** I understand.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, the Member was persistent because of the delay despite drilling still being in progress. The reason why I say that it is still being drilled is because the machinery does not just hammer the ground and hits water.

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It takes many days to hammer through the rock without getting any water. There are many situations where digging progressed for long periods and no

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water was found which causes the delay. The important fact is that the requests are being acknowledged.

**MR SPEAKER:** Hon Prime Minister, thank you. I call on the Member for Alataua West.

**Afioga LAFATELE PATRICK LEIATAUALES:** There was nothing wrong with what we said. The reason we mentioned the 7 years is because of insufficient funds.

There are 49 constituencies, and we sympathize with the Members who requested in the past.

Mr Speaker, in this short time we have left until the General Elections, the village will no longer believe whether a development will be implemented or not. I recommend the Leader of Opposition, this is not luck, do not create bad blood between myself and Aliimalemanu. I understand that it was during the time of Tofa Tuisugaletaua when this work was done. We did not come silent to this seat, we labored. Sympathize with the water of this Constituency. It was not luck. Mention your own developments but do not interrupt because Alataua is speaking....

**Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II:** Mr Speaker a point of order. It has not been 7 years, I know that it has been 6 Terms since the Members of Alataua West persisted.

**MR SPEAKER:** It is noted....

**Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II:** Hon Prime Minister, it has been a long time, but the Member that has the floor speaks as if he was the reason for the implementation of water supply with respect.

**MR SPEAKER:** There is no reason to mention the request but it was implemented during the time Alataua has taken the seat....

**Afioga LAFATELE PATRICK LEIATAUALES:** Mr Speaker, the Leader of Opposition is correct, we have persisted for a long time, but it is during my time that we have finally got access to water.

As I said in the past, I have no intention to go against the Cabinet and its vision. The Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture was right, as heard by Falelima the Hon Minister clarified that we are close to getting our fund for our school. Our only question Hon Minister is what the status is with our Neiafu College that was proposed. We only remind you of our request and we will leave it like that....

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**MR SPEAKER:** The Hon Minister will reply to the request.

**Afioga Hon Magele Mauiliu:** Mr Speaker, the Member only knows that the constituency's request has been presented, but the Governments view at this

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time in the distribution of its resources is for the long term because there is already an existing college for the students. Even though it is far, the important thing is that there is a school and we are trying to post our teachers. There is no use of having a college when there are not enough teachers and resources. I mentioned that, it is the specific task of the school Committee to fundraise and that shows their eagerness. As for the long term and the medium long term, it will have to be donated but for now you need to think logically about it. At least there is a school for the students. What you want is a school for Falelima but not the Constituency but it is in the Governments list for the future with respect.

**MR SPEAKER:** I call on the Member to continue his remarks.

**Afioga LAFATELE PATRICK LEIATAUALES:** Mr Speaker, As I previously mentioned, recommendations are useful to remind the Cabinet that the Constituency is listening in. There is no use to persist now because no constituency would believe a Member in this short time left. They will look back at the beginning of the Term and the consistency in contact.

Mr Speaker, our final request to the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure....

**MR SPEAKER:** I beg tolerance to the Member, I give the floor to the Hon Prime Minister.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, many constituencies have approached us with the same request. The Minister responsible for posting teachers has responded. Another aspect that should be considered is the number of students.

What should be done cannot be left undone but time is a factor. You have heard that the Ministries programs to quickly make an effort to post teachers especially specialised teachers for instance in the field of science. The Government programs have begun and the end result is to implement your constituency and other constituency requests for teachers. The programs are in progress.

Students are also a factor because they are impacted. The fastest solution is to stop family planning and bear as many children as possible because the more children, the higher the possibility of programs being implemented. It is the intention of the Government that students go to district colleges so they do not have to travel a far distance and they can be by their mother's side and leave for school 15 minutes before school starts. This is the intention of the Government.

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**MR SPEAKER:** I call on the Member to conclude your speech.

**Afioga LAFATELE PATRICK LEIATAUALES:** That was the purpose of the recommendation because the constituency's college is too far in Asau. However, the Constituency has heard the transparent statement by

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the Hon Prime Minister that there will be a time when upgrade programs for colleges and schools will be actioned.

I now come to the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure. We do not have much to request but we will leave the distribution and planning at your discretion. There is a need for street lights leading inland as well as on the shore as it is quite dark. As I said we do not ask for much but we are thankful we now have water supply which is most important for health. There is just a need for perhaps 4 or 5 street lights to light the road travelling from inland to the main road.

To the dignity listening in from part of Alataua, you have heard the request put forward to the Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture for a school. We should be patient because Rome was not built in a day. We recognize the support of Falelima and the servants of the Lord in Alataua.

Now I come to Tufutafoe, thank you for your support as we near the end of this Term. We acknowledge your support and prayers as we carry out our duties that we are called to by God.

To the village of Neiafu in all your honorific salutations, thank you for your support and acknowledgment. Our village is not a complicated one and we are patient and I am grateful for your tolerance as we make every effort towards our developments.

To conclude, on behalf of our Constituency, I thank the Hon Prime Minister for the water supply. I hear that the Leader of Opposition is trying to disrepute this Party, but our water supply is testament enough. Thank you Aliimalemanu, Hon Tuisugaletaua while you were Minister of Works. I recognize Hon Manualesagalala for continuing the work and now it is completed after attempts by Aeau and Motuopuaa. Thank you Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet, thank you for our hospice because although it is situated in Sataua, it services Asau and Falealupo. We do not ask for much, just our hospice, water supply and a school to improve the lives of the Vaisigano residents.

Mr Speaker and the dignity of the House, we apologize for any offence. God bless you Mr Speaker and Samoa in all its honorific salutations.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you also to the Honorabale Member for your patience. There is nothing that you and the Leader of Opposition should be in conflict over. I see there is another Member from Savaii upstanding.

I call on the Member for Palauli.

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**Afioga AFOAFOUVALE JOHN MOORS (Palauli):** I first and foremost give praise to our Heavenly Father for we have gathered here in health this new morning. Thank you Mr Speaker for my opportunity. I must also greet the dignity of Samoa; His Highness O Le Ao o le Malo and Masiofo, Council of Deputy, Afioga Tuimalealiifano and your Good Lady.

I also greet the dignity of the House; Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet, Leader of Opposition, Deputy Leader and all the Members of Parliament.

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I greet also the CEOs of the various Government Ministries and Corporations serving our country. I also greet Samoa in all its honorific salutations.

We cannot forget the leaders of the various denominations in Samoa because without your prayers and support, this Parliament would not succeed in its work.

On behalf of my dear Constituency, I will comment but first I express gratitude to the Government for supporting our request for projects that were submitted despite there being insufficient funds. We understand and are aware of this but we still support the Government estimates and the national economic state. We also apologize for any mistakes by Palauli. The sun continues to rise and there will be a time to consult on issues....

**MR SPEAKER:** I beg leniency, is there a matter that you wish to understand Member for Gagaemauga No. 2.

**Tofa Levaopolo Talatonu:** Mr Speaker, a point that needs clarification. I want to ask the Member what mistakes he is referring to because he is apologizing to all of us.

**MR SPEAKER:** Do not reply to that query but continue with your speech. I call on the Member.

**Afioga AFOAFOUVALE JOHN MOORS:** Thank you Mr Speaker. I believe that the Member assumes that Palauli has mistakes....

**MR SPEAKER:** I beg tolerance of the Member, I will give the floor to the Leader of Opposition.

**Afioga Hon Palusalua Faapo II:** Mr Speaker, may I respond to the query from Saleaula as to the reason the Member for Palauli has apologized?

**MR SPEAKER:** Why do you have to respond to the question from Saleaula to Palauli?

**Afioga Hon Palusalua Faapo II:** Because the Member is not responding.

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**MR SPEAKER:** No. His speech will continue then you will understand. I call on the Member for Palauli.

**Afioga AFOAFOUVALE JOHN MOORS:** Thank you for the opportunity. People on this earth that complain are full of mistakes without knowing. This is why I apologized because I do not know my mistakes but I know that there are mistakes.

Thank you for the Appropriation now tabled. Last night I watched the international news and compared the events to those happening in our



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country. In Greece, the state of the economy is in dire straits and the citizens only have a decent meal once a month, what about Samoa? People have decent meals every day, this is a fact. I then silently prayed a prayer of gratitude for the Lord's blessings upon me because I was born in a country that is founded on God. Samoa is founded on God. I remind everyone that our country is blessed despite the little funds we distribute; we are still able to have decent meals. I believe the Lord will enrich the leaders of our country with knowledge; not only the Cabinet but also the Management of the different Ministries in appropriating the funds.

I also wish to acknowledge one of the countries as I have received word that when the new Financial Year begins financial assistance for our school will be received. I thank the Government of Japan and the Ambassador for this great assistance.

Thank you to the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure for the many projects being allocated within our country especially the projects within my Constituency. There are also other requests but I will leave it at the discretion of the Hon Minister.

Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture, I believe there is a request for our field for your kind consideration.

Thank you Hon Minister of Police and Prisons for safeguarding our Constituency with the outpost station now available in our Constituency. We are safe under the management of the *alii* and *faipule* but our Constituency is being recognized and for that I am thankful.

Hon Minister of Health, thank you for responding to the many emergency cases despite the limited funds. Thank you for the many programs completed with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Finally, I wish to acknowledge my Constituency in all its honorific salutations. Thank you for the support of the entire Constituency which is the reason for the success of your Member. May God look kindly on you all and God bless you Mr Speaker, soifua.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you to the Member for Palauli East for your comments at this hour of the day.

I call on the Member for Gagaifomauga No. 2.

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**Tofa SOOALO MENE (Gagaifomauga No.2):** I thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity to comment on behalf of my Constituency of Gagaifomauga No.2 on the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.2) 2014/2015 and the Appropriation Bill 2015/2016.

Mr Speaker, I also wish to express gratitude for the praise given to our Heavenly Father for blessings upon this Meeting of Samoa and the support of Samoa in all its honorific salutations.

May the praises offered above be accepted by our Father in Heaven and all worship is returned to Him as we remain in His House. His humble servants are living sacrifices which were sought and chosen by God here in Tiafau. In God Samoa is founded.

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Mr Speaker, Samoa is not chosen by others. Tiafau is the field where the traditional setup of Samoa is complete in all its honorific salutations. There is Mr Speaker that sits on the Chair of the House, Hon Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister and the Cabinet on which peace and safety is dependent especially the economy; Leader of Opposition, Deputy Leader of Opposition, I ask that you make just recommendations and not make bribing remarks as was done this morning.

I greet all the Members of Parliament whose duty is to make laws which Samoa is witness to....

**Afioga Hon Palusalua Faapo II:** Mr Speaker, there is a....

**MR SPEAKER:** Do you take offense to the remarks of Gagaifomauga. He has only begun.

**Afioga Hon Palusalua Faapo II:** Mr Speaker, I was listening and nodding in agreement to the Members speech but the country is listening in thinking that this is all we do...your speech is spoiled by these remarks but God bless your speech.

**MR SPEAKER:** That is how Gagaifomauga is, they remark with a hint of insult. Stand and continue Member.

**Tofa SOOALO MENE:** I beg tolerance Leader of Opposition, I am respectful of our relationship but when the speech flows it has its own path but I am filled with respect.

Mr Speaker, I greet the Heads of the various Government Ministries and Corporations, the Clerk of the Office of the Legislative Assembly, thank you for your work. I acknowledge also the support of Samoa in all its honorific salutations; His Highness, O Le Ao o le Malo and your Masiofo, the Member of the Council of Deputies and your Masiofo, Chief Justice and the Judiciary and the leaders of the various denominations that pray for blessings upon Samoa.

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I greet Samoa and its traditional setup; *Tumua ma Pule, Ituau ma Alataua, Aiga i le Tai ma le Vaa o Fonoti, Aiga o Tama, Aiga o Nofo, Aiga o Papa ma Aiga Tafaiifa. Faleagafulu faapea Tootoo o le Faleula, o paia na mai e Taisamasama o le Tuimanua seia paia Fili ma Puletuu na tauilo ai manu o malo.*

Mr Speaker, I wish to acknowledge my dear Constituency, Safune and Samauga. It is not those coming that is important but rather those waiting in support. Thank you for your support Lau Afioga Aliiolenuu, Tagaloasusu, Lau Fetalaiga Tuua Tugaga of Safune and Taulauniu. The family of Sa Peseta o Sao e fa, Alo o Tamaalelagi, Lau Fetalaiga le Tuua Soalo of Samauga. Thank you for your prayers. There are times we feel weak but we must pray for strength so that our duties are smoothly executed.

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I now come to the Appropriation Mr Speaker and it seems like a spiritual Appropriation because it is based on the Word of God and if a person does not believe in the whisperings of the Holy Ghost they will not accept this Appropriation but for us that do, we accept it 100% without an issue. This is the final Appropriation for this Parliamentary Term and I wish to express gratitude to the Hon Minister and those that contributed to this effort as well as our constituencies.

Leader of the Government, especially the Hon Minister of Revenue, with deepest gratitude I thank you both for your part in the Appropriation in appropriating funds. I listened to a speech complaining that there is insufficient revenue and that it is decreasing but I testify that this fifth year of this Term, the Ministry of Revenue has presented an Annual Report with a 10% increase compared to the previous five years and I thank the Hon Minister for the work in consolidating our revenue.

The only advice is for the staff that there is opportunity to increase revenue because we see today that the Appropriation is dependent on what we can acquire.

Now to the Ministry of Education, Sports and Culture and the Ministry of Health; these Ministries cooperate. If your body is healthy, your mind is healthy. There is no need for your mind to be healthy when you do not have your full body strength. I thank the Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture for the school building, sports field and the fence. I believe that the work is well implemented. Your statement made in the past is true where you said in 5-7 years the works with will bear fruit.

Hon Minister of Health, thank you for the hospice and the work not only in our Constituency but within the whole country. There are many important programs currently being implemented not only in public health but also with training and the SPAGHL Committee. This is why we maintain the importance of the Report tabled here about your visits. Thank you.

**MR SPEAKER:** I beg tolerance of the Member, is there something....

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**Tofa Levaopolo Talatonu:** Mr Speaker, there is a question I wish to ask the Member because I have heard him give thanks almost 5 times to this sector. Mr Speaker, I know he has forgotten about the ambulance service that is the first emergency response. It is not well implemented because I have witnessed it myself. The vehicle is only equipped with shelves and no equipment, perhaps you have forgotten about that.

**MR SPEAKER:** I note your comments. I call on the Member for Palauli le Falefa.

**Afioga Hon Faumuina Tiatia Faaolatane Liuga (Palauli le Falefa):** Mr Speaker, Soalo travels three times a week to Savaii but the Member that just took the floor only goes once or twice a year to Savaii. How then does he know about the ambulance if he hardly travels to Savaii? With respect.

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**Tofa Levaopolo Talatonu:** Mr Speaker, I do not need to go often. The view of my Constituency is that I stay and do the work I was called to do. I witnessed this with my own eyes not long ago. Even the ambulance staff do not know what to do.

**MR SPEAKER:** I am cautious about such a matter Levaopolo.

**Tofa Levaopolo Talatonu:** Mr Speaker, consider this thoroughly because the Ministry's accusations are serious. If we are to consult evidence then it would reach another level. The Member may continue his speech.  
You may stand Hon Minister of Health.

**Afioga Hon Tuitama Talalelei Tuitama:** Mr Speaker, this Member has already done his speech but it is like he is doing his speech twice and I believe it is not consistent with Parliamentary practice. This is a breach. With respect.

**MR SPEAKER:** Tofa Soalo, your speech is on the right track. Disregard the comments from Saleaula, Afioga Hon Faumuina has responded to it.  
I call on the Hon Prime Minister.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker I believe these matters are being noted by the Hon Minister of Health to respond to later. It is however better that I respond because I do not know what ambulance the Member for Gagaemauga No. 2 saw because all ambulances are fully equipped. Perhaps this will be corrected at a later time because the country is listening in. The ambulances are fully equipped and prepared to respond to emergencies.

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When we respond we will correct these because those involved in this sector are also listening in. We may be sarcastic here but when it comes to such matters, we should not be so because it involves national health.

**MR SPEAKER:** In the interest of time I give the opportunity to the Chairperson of the Finance and Expenditure Committee.

**Susuga Hon Papaliitele Niko Lee Hang:** Mr Speaker, thank you for the opportunity.

I wish to understand the comments by the Member for Gagaemauga No. 2 regarding ambulances. Is it the Fire Service vehicle because it looks similar to an ambulance if this is correct?

**Tofa Levaopolo Talatonu:** This is not a lie Mr Speaker....

**MR SPEAKER:** Levaopolo, have sympathy as the matter is resolved.

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**Tofa Levaopolo Talatonu:** Whisper to the Hon Prime Minister....

**MR SPEAKER:** Leave the matter as I feel it is clear. There will be a time it will be explained but as for the accusation it is serious because the country is listening in as well as the Ministry and the hospital staff at Safotu. The ambulances are all new but it is better that you approach the Hon Minister with your issue.

I call on Tofa Soalo to continue your speech.

**Tofa SOOALO MENE:** Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity.

I now come to the Hon Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries. This Hon Minister has the smallest build but the biggest heart. The Hon Minister has many achievements. My Constituency is proof because their livelihood is inland in the plantations. Taro boxes were shipped and there is still overseas demand. Gratitude is due not only for this but also in regards to food security that we achieved mid-Term. Our only request is for SACEP to be managed well to improve agriculture and fisheries so that it contributes to our GDP percentage.

We also express gratitude to the Hon Minister of Police and Prisons, Minister of Women, Community and Social Development and Minister of Justice and Courts Administration for your collaborative efforts. There is safety and harmony within villages and communities because of your work. If the work is well executed, it would ease the work on the Ministry of Justice and Courts Administration with less criminal cases. Thank you for your work as there is peace and no conflict within our country.

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I now come to the Hon Minister of Commerce, Industry and Labour and the Hon Minister of Public Enterprises. Thank you for your work which is important as the national economy is dependent on it. There are many criticisms from other Members but I believe the Ministries are not being idle in carrying out their outputs through exports and creating employment opportunities. The theme of the Appropriation is ‘Living within your Means’ and I know this newly merged Ministry will assist in financing some of our developments.

To the Ministry of Works, Transport and Infrastructure, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment and the Ministry of Communication and Information Technology, thank you for your work in the construction of roads, seawalls, infrastructure and the establishment of modern technological advances which assists in the increase of various businesses ventures in our country. I commend you all for your work.

Now I come to the needs of my Constituency. As I mentioned in my Maiden Speech, this Constituency does not whine. Whatever is received is accepted but priority is that the Constituency is well looked after. The requests have been submitted to the relevant Ministries and we will wait.

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That is the humble speech of this Member Mr Speaker to express the gratitude of our Constituency for all the work by the Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet as well as the Executive branch not only in our parts but the country. There is no service that is entirely flawless so I ask forgiveness for any offence caused by Safune and Samauga and God bless our Meeting.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you Member for Gagaemauga No. 2 for the speech. The Member for Faasaleleaga No. 4 is prepared. I call on Afioga Peseta Vaifou Tevaga for your speech on the Appropriation.

**Afioga PESETA VAIFOU TEVAGA (Faasaleleaga No. 4):** First and foremost I commend and thank you Mr Speaker for this Constituency's opportunity.

I greet the House in all its honorific salutations; Hon Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister and the Members of the Cabinet; Leader of Opposition, Deputy Leader and the esteemed Parliament. I also greet the CEOs of the various Government Ministries and Corporations, also to the Clerk and the Office of the Clerk present with us this morning.

The theme of the speech of Faasaleleaga No. 4 is one of action. This was the theme of my Maiden Speech upon entering this House in 2011. We are now considering the Appropriation and your limited funds but what is the country's response? Samoa is not in hunger, they are well. Before I entered this House, I thought to myself that I would assist in the action. Hon Prime Minister, I acknowledge you as my Minister for the honor to work together. There is a general view that individual action is appropriate but the view of my Constituency is that it is better that many things are actioned at one time.

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We have all witnessed within this 5 year Term that many projects have been implemented. We do not know who is going to return in the next Term but I am grateful that there has been work implemented by Government while I was in service. Parents in any family serve, advise and teach and this is the same with the *alii* and *faipule*. If those that the village gives priority to are good, that village will be successful and likewise the Government. I express gratitude for the projects that have been completed. This Parliamentary Term has not ended but I am grateful that the MOU was signed in the beginning of the year for the wharf at Vaiusu and Vaitele.

**MR SPEAKER:** I beg tolerance of the Member, I call on the Hon Prime Minister.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, I go back to the query by the Associate Minister regarding how many will return.

In the last Term, more than half returned but regarding action you have to seek permission then act upon it. Many however encounter obstacles because they act first and seek permission after.

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Yesterday the document signed was for the renovation of the wharf at Matautu. As for the Vaiusu wharf, that matter is currently in its negotiation stages especially since ADB is currently carrying out a feasibility study. If you had whispered to me, I would have told you.

**Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II:** Mr Speaker, a point that needs clarification.

**MR SPEAKER:** I call on the Leader of Opposition.

**Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II:** It seems as though the Hon Prime Ministers very own Associate Minister does not understand the MOU that was signed because he was corrected by the Hon Prime Minister. Have a meeting first before....

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** We have meetings but the trouble Mr Speaker is that the Member was absent from our caucus last Monday and he missed this discussion.

**MR SPEAKER:** Point of order. I understood the remarks by the Member for Faasaleleaga No. 4. The MOU for Vaiusu mentioned is different from the MOU that was signed yesterday, is that correct Member for Faasaleleaga No. 4?

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**Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II:** Whether it is Vaiusu or Matautu, the Associate Minister for the Prime Minister should be aware of it.

**MR SPEAKER:** Leader of the Opposition that is quite enough. Member for Faasaleleaga No. 4 your speech is on the right track. The MOU was signed in the beginning of the year for Vaiusu. Take the floor.

**Afioga PESETA VAIFOU TEVAGA:** Mr Speaker, perhaps if the Leader of the Opposition understood that whether it is the Prime Minister or myself that signed the MOU, there is nothing to worry about. Have you forgotten that I signed one that was for millions at...?

Mr Speaker, these are the projects. Last week was the ground breaking ceremony for the Faleolo Airport to commence upgrade for an International standard Airport on July 23.

The manifesto of the Government; what is good for overseas countries, is good also for Samoa, this are what the Leader of Opposition and his party is attempting to imitate.

I hear....

**Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II:** Mr Speaker, because we are mentioned.

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**MR SPEAKER:** I beg tolerance of the Member, as you have mentioned....

**Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II:** The matter the Member is speaking on is very important. He stated that what is good for overseas countries is also good for Samoa but he forgets that he is from Savaii.

**MR SPEAKER:** Where is Savaii located Palusalue? Savaii is in Samoa.

**Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II:** What is good for Apia is good for Savaii but we are talking about overseas countries when there are many issues in Savaii. I remind the Member that he is from Savaii so do not talk of overseas countries but remember Savaii.

**MR SPEAKER:** Your remarks are on the right track Member for Faasaleleaga No. 4, you mentioned Samoa and the islands of Samoa are Savaii, Upolu, Apolima and Manono. I call on the Member.

**Afioga PESETA VAIFOU TEVAGA:** There are many good projects by the Government as I mentioned. If I do not return in the new Term, my Constituency will remember me when they see these projects. They will remember Peseta when they see the new hospital at Motootua. As for the Airport, I am grateful Hon Prime Minister that it will commence before the end of this Term.

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For 40 years Gods people were bound by slavery, but for 53 years, only now has the access road for my village been done. Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure, on behalf of my village of Puapua, I express gratitude. I am envious of my time in this seat after others sat in this seat in the last 53 years. I am thankful to the Hon Minister for this great achievement which will keep me in the minds of my village. You are Moses that was chosen by God to go and bring the Israelites out of bondage. Now my village is no longer in need, but Asaga and Lano are still in need waking up and struggling to travel inland to their plantations.

When I walk for my morning exercise at the golf course, when I see the tarred roads, I become dismayed. I will leave it at that Hon Minister especially with the insufficient public funds. There is at least a mark in remembrance of my 5 years in Term.

Mr Speaker, Thursday is the official opening of this access road and Faasaleleaga No. 4 will not take lightly, the ceremony on this day. As I said, for 53 years we were in bondage perhaps it is because you are an Elder Deacon you have prioritized this. Yesterday I listened intently to the speech by the Member for Faasaleleaga No. 3. The entirety of the speech was one of gratitude for the projects. If you Hon Minister have other projects proposed for my Constituency, give priority to Faasaleleaga No. 3 because they only have good and no bad. This is why I thank the Member.

I hear that repair work to some roads were requested....



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**MR SPEAKER:** I interrupt the speech by the honorable Member as we have come to the hour of our recess. The floor will be given when we return.

I announce that the Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly will resume after its usual recess.

*Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly were set aside at 10.45am for its usual recess and resumed at 11.26am.*

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you for your patience at this time of the day. We have come to the second round of our Meeting. I acknowledge you all for your tolerance in the morning while other Members took the floor. We have now been rejuvenated after the meal and we thank the Lord for this additional strength graced upon our minds and spirits to continue with our work.

Before our recess, the Member for Faasaleleaga No. 4 was making his speech, please stand.

**Afioga PESETA VAIFOU TEVAGA:** Thank you Mr Speaker, we have regained our strength from the breakfast – the speech of this Constituency was interrupted while addressing the Ministry of Works, Transport and Infrastructure and expressing gratitude to the Hon Minister.

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As you are well aware Hon Minister regarding the road in Puapua, I cannot forego of this because they are listening in, there are some parts that need repair works but I can return happily to Savaii as the Hon Minister has responded that it will be repaired before the official opening of the road.

I thank the CEO of the LTA, Susuga Leasi as well as Mataafa at the Savaii branch. Thank you for approving the requests by this Constituency.

I now come to the Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture. It is clear this morning that he has received the request for a school building. Your statement was true that there are insufficient public funds and I believe that Asaga has understood the status of the request. Assistance has ended from the bigger countries that usually assist with construction of school building. Asaga! Do not worry or lose hope, this Term has not yet ended. Let us work together to make this project a reality as it is vital for the children of our village.

Hon Minister of Natural Resource and Environment, this Constituency offers its thanks for the assistance in regards to our request which is now with you. The exact location of the access road that will be opened is where the church building that was destroyed by Cyclone Evan is located. This is an important project for the safety of the people. The church building has been removed because it was unsafe for the people. Thankfully I met with the Hon Minister and got a response so the application is now with the Management for their consideration and if it is able to be done this Term, thank you. If not, I only make this reminder in case another disaster affects Puapua. Photos were taken for the Ministry to see the destruction and I will leave it for your consideration.

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Hon Minister of Health, thank you for the renovations to the hospital in Savaii. Despite the many hospices in the rural areas of Salafai, Tuasivi is the center of the Ministry on the island. Visits confirmed the work done and gratitude is due. This service is widespread and is available day and night. Thank you Hon Minister, the Hospital at Motootua is pleasant to the eyes of residents there however there are areas that needs close inspection. I visited a relative last Sunday who was injured during a rugby league game in Savaii. I visited her on Saturday and Sunday and thank God her operation went well. The only matter I was dismayed at, and I do not lay complaint because of the assistance from the Chinese Government but our people are not physically similar to their people. The beds are quite short and my relative is tall. I humbly ask Hon Minister if the beds can be extended so that patients can lie straight. As for other parts of the service, thank you and congratulations on the achievement. Gratitude is extended to the Head of the Ministry and the doctors, as well as all those working in the health services for looking after the health of our people.

Hon Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, this Term has witnessed a difference in the agricultural sector and the country is no longer starving. I thank the Ministry and the Hon Minister for your guidance and support of the employees and their work.

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This Constituency applauds the efforts because despite the complaints in the lack of taro markets what is the case now? We are looking for supply and I am grateful that the supply for export is not depleting and there is still a lot of food.

To the Ministers, I commend you all for your duty in overseeing the Ministries which is not an easy task. Also to the Heads of the Ministries, God bless you.

Before I conclude my speech, I would like to address my Constituency of Faasaleleaga No. 4. I need not mention the contribution of our Constituency but I offer gratitude for your support and encouragement especially to the Leaders of the denominations that pray for blessings upon Faasaleleaga No. 4.

Thank you for your respect and support as we near the end of this Term. It is because of your unwavering support that has allowed me to sit in this House and be the hands and feet of our Constituency. Lay everything before the Lord for through Him, all things can be achieved.

I address my Constituency in its honorific salutations; *Paia e o Satuala, afio Vui, afio Matafeo, afio Vaiouga, afio oe Falenaoti*. It is the prayer of Peseta that the remaining year of this Term is successful. I will not touch on the ceremonies to be extended but whatever our Constituency can do, that is accepted with gratitude. Whatever errors and mistakes that have offended my service, I humbly ask you to cast them unto the uninhabited island. My highest intention is the peace and harmony of our Constituency.

Mr Speaker, God bless you as you guide our Meeting. God bless the Hon Prime Minister and the Government, Cabinet Ministers, Leader of Opposition, the honorable Members of the House, CEOs of Government Ministries and Corporations, God bless you all in your duties and work.

Soifua and God bless.

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**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you to the Member for Faasaleleaga No. 4.

I note that almost all the Members have addressed the House and then the opportunity will be given to the Committee and the final opportunity will be given to the Leader of the Opposition followed by the Government's response. I believe if we soldier on, we can complete our orders today.

The House is open to anyone that wishes to speak. I call on the Member for Gagaifomaua No.1.

**Tofa FAIMALOTOA KIKI IEMAIMA STOWERS (Gagaifomaua No.1):** Mr Speaker, I would like to utilize this opportunity to greet the Chair and the dignity of Samoa listening in, Hon Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, the Cabinet Ministers and Associate Ministers, Leader of Opposition and all the Members of the House. I greet also the Heads of Government Ministries and Corporations that serve in the different sectors of our nation.

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I greet also the Broadcasting Sector; the radio, newspaper and television providers that deliver the Proceedings of Parliament for the listening public. I acknowledge and greet His Highness, O Le Ao o le Malo and his Masiofo, the Member of the Council of Deputies, and Samoa and its traditional setup; *Tama ma Aiga, o Aiga ma Tama, o le mamalu ia Pule ma Tumua, Ituau ma Alataua, Aiga i le Tai ma le Vaa o Fonoti*. I recognize also American Samoa listening in and your traditional setup; *paia ia Sua ma le Vaifanua, Fofu ma Aitulagi, Saole ma Saleaamua ma le Launiu na Saelua, le Laau na Amotasi ma Auvaa o Tootoo ma upu i le Manuatele*. I cannot forget the servants of our Lord in each Denomination that serves us the Cup of life for the physical and spiritual nourishment of Samoa.

Mr Speaker, I remember the day January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015, I stood and made my Maiden Speech for my Constituency for the honor to continue in this short time left of this Term. It has been 5 months, and I now stand to make this final speech. I will make a contribution on behalf of my Constituency on the Appropriation to continue the Projects in the new Term after the General Elections next year.

I assumed that I would address my Constituency last however I will greet them first for they chose and elected me to be their representative to present their views before the House of Samoa. I first and foremost express gratitude to the Holy Servants that pray for the Blessings upon Samoa.

Thank you Susuga Toeaina Tanielu and your good lady also Susuga Tifi and your good lady, Pastor Herry Sialao, Reverend Folatasi and your good lady. Also Bishop Pakau and your good lady, Susuga Filipino and your good lady in the Manase synod, thank you for your Wisdom, Prayers and Blessings.

I cannot forget the support and prayers from all those from our Constituency that are serving in Denominations across Samoa and overseas. Thank you for your prayers of Blessings upon Samoa. I also greet the Chairperson of the National Council of Churches, Susuga Kasiano Leaupepe.

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I extend my acknowledgment to the Constituency and greet you Safotu and Manase in all your honorific salutations; *paia lava ia aua le afifio o Sao e Fa, le Aiga Sa Umalau, Leatipouniu ma le Faasau, le alaalatai o lau Fetalaiga i le Tulafale lau Fetalaiga Lavea, o le Alii o le Itu na e mua i malae e tausii vaatele aua le tupua i Finao, le Susu o Taito ma le Aiga Sa Umalau ma le Fetalaiga ia Tauasa.*

Thank you all for your support and encouragement from the *faletua* and *tausii, saoo* and *tamatai* as well as the untitled men of the Constituency who are our strength. I also greet and thank the Constituents that are residing in Apia from the elderly to the youngsters, to the students and those working to earn money for their families in Savaii. I plead for all your support as I attempt to contribute to the Appropriation on behalf of our Constituency now before the House.

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First, I thank the Hon Minister of Finance, the Hon Prime Minister, the CEO, Afioga Lavea and the Ministry and Management for the compilation of this Appropriation, it is not an easy task. I thank the Chairperson of the Finance and Expenditure Committee and the Committee Members that considered and scrutinized this Appropriation for the understanding of the Members of the House through your Report which considers the financial year ending 30 June 2016.

Mr Speaker, the theme of the Budget is easily interpreted and understood, ‘Live within your Means’ and I acknowledge the foresight and vision as the saying goes, a wise person shares but a foolish person is selfish. There is a time for everything, for instance, legislations now before many Committees of the Government and the Ministries are passed and after four or six months it is again reviewed, why? Because nothing is permanent. There must be a review and monitoring to find the best possible way forward for our country from time to time. Mr Speaker, there is not much to say on this Budget rather an expression of gratitude. I am grateful because I am certain that in this Budget there is an appropriation for our road in the sub-village near Safotu. This road leads to the Safee pool and connects at Paia going inland.

Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure, I am grateful and give recognition to you and the CEO of the Shipping Corporation for revamping the Mulifanua wharf - I believe and witnessed that the work at the Salelologa wharf is underway. You mentioned yesterday Hon Minister that there are issues causing the delay in the works but it has been resolved and the Salelologa wharf will be improved. Thank you to the Corporation for the service and maintaining the ferries with the clean ablution facilities.

Thank you for your patience and satisfying responses Hon Minister to the many Members as we stand and request from time to time, you must find it difficult to allocate, but thank you for your work.

Thank you Hon Minister for your clear remarks yesterday that works will begin in the near future on the Maliolio River. As you mentioned yesterday there are two categories of projects, those specific to Constituencies and those

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for the general benefit of the country as a whole. I believe that there is no favoritism and the Hon Minister has stated that the delay is the lack of funds and funding is being sought. Thank you for the infrastructural work around Upolu and Savaii. There are members that have presented their requests for improvements and they will be patient, such as will be done by my Constituency as it is now clear that the delay is attributed to funding and funds are being allocated. Thank you Hon Minister.

I now come to the Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture, thank you for the proposals targeting our children's education which begins from the early childhood level to the final stages of education.

I am grateful for the programs and projects planned as well as those in progress, thank you for all this. This is the same gratitude I offered in January.

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Despite my short time I requested and knocked. I believe remarks made while the country is listening in are cause for gratitude as priority has been given to the field in our Constituency. God bless you Hon Minister with good health likewise all the Cabinet Ministers for the numerous projects. I listen to those that travel to Savaii on the ferry and those that have been away for five years and they return for family obligations, they are surprised and shocked with the great and rapid development of our country. They see the difference since they left and they want to return to stay, Why? Because there is no inactivity in this House and there is constant persistence for the development of our country.

Hon Minister of Health, the hospital is of high standard where patients can now be treated. Thank you and congratulations for the good work and I personally wish to offer my sincere gratitude. Before I entered Parliament, I approached you for assistance for one of my children who I thought had no hope for a cure. Thank you for your relieving response and care especially for a child who is very dear to a parent. Thank you, I will never forget your good heart and grace. I believe that the hospital is at a good standard. There is however a few minor issues that disrepute the Service. My advice to the country is to approach the General Manager of the Service to present your issues. There is also the Hon Minister to present your grievances in regards to delays and inefficiencies in the Service from time to time. Since I entered Parliament and after years of listening to the Proceedings, I believe that you do not have to come here and make noise, I testify that these men are easily approached.

I thank the Ministers for their gracious greetings when I knocked on their doors. It is true that humility breeds success. Thank you for the appropriations in the Budget that will benefit our Constituency, despite the long delay because despite this, it will always be done.

Hon Minister of Natural Resource and Environment, this is a big Ministry and I acknowledge and thank you for the service especially the CEO and the staff of the Ministry that seeks to improve the environment. Thank you for the seawall between Manase and Safotu. The road was narrow and vehicles had to slow down just to go past but it has been widened and there is a path for

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pedestrians and tourists alike. This is one of the Constituencies with many tourists. I will not mention the requests that were presented in my Maiden Speech for I believe it will be addressed. I do have a concern about some beach fales in Manase and along the shore that have been washed away. They are near the beach and in case there is a tsunami, there is no road inland. I will leave that with you. I did not have an opportunity to see you Hon Minister however I saw the CEO and I have seen that my Constituency is on the waiting list for projects that will progress when there are funds to implement the work.

Hon Minister of Police and Prisons, I have heard the praises towards the changes in the Ministry with the new Commissioner.

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Hon Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, gratitude is due after the many testaments to the increase in agricultural exports.

Hon Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister and the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labor, Hon Minister of Revenue, well done for the hard work in seeking revenue to fund Members requests. It is not an easy task seeking funds to implement projects within the country.

The same gratitude is extended to the Minister of our Ministry for the proposed programs, God bless.

The time is near for the connection of the submarine cable from Fiji, Australia connecting to America enabling Samoas faster connection to the world. As mentioned by Afioga Peseta, what is good for overseas, is also good for Savaii, what is good for Apia is also good for Savaii. I am grateful that there is no favoritism towards Upolu as we witness in Salafai the continuous progress of projects in each Constituency. Gratitude is extended to all the Cabinet Ministers, CEOs of Government Ministries and Corporations, well done for the hard work.

I support the speech by the Member for Faasaleleaga No. 2 that first spoke on the Budget last week Thursday. After breakfast, I told him that I seconded his motion to make a large loan to implement all the Constituencies needs. Thank you Papalii. This was also reiterated by Afioga Taefu yesterday. But I have an amendment to that motion, first prioritize assistance to Savaii. These are only opinions and requests but as the Hon Prime Minister stated, the Government has the authority whether to implement or not. Thank you to the Executive; this is your honor and recognition to all the Constituencies in our country.

**MR SPEAKER:** I beg tolerance of the Member, I call on the Member for Faasaleleaga No. 2.

**Susuga Papalii Lio Faavaivaioamanu Taeu Masipau:** Thank you Mr Speaker. Thank you to the member. Take a breathing space. Because I was mentioned, I mentioned a loan of \$100+million for the Airport and not for any other project. If there was one for Savaii also, it would be beneficial for our tourists visiting our Constituencies.

With respect.

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**MR SPEAKER:** It was an amending motion by Tofa Faimalotoa.

**Tofa FAIMALOTOA KIKA IEMAIMA STOWERS:** That was the intention Mr Speaker. I was happy when the Member stated that a large sum should be loaned for the Airport, the Ports and everything else in Samoa, and I amended it to loan a larger sum for projects in our Constituencies. There are Constituency Projects and Nationwide Infrastructural Projects.

**Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II:** Mr Speaker, a point that needs clarification from the Members speech.

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**MR SPEAKER:** You are like an untouched maiden that is easily offended and hits back. You are easily vexed. Leave the speech alone....

**Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II:** Take a break. Just a reminder that we cannot allow anymore loans because it already amounts to more than a billion. That is why I am upstanding to remind the Member that it is difficult as we are controlled from overseas because of our loans.

**MR SPEAKER:** Your point is noted. The explanation will now be made.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, it has been 3 weeks and this Leader of the Opposition has not read the Budget. Refer to the loan that we are paying off that was passed from your side. It has been three weeks since you were given the opportunity to read the Budget but it seems that you do not understand.

**MR SPEAKER:** This is why I was hesitant to give the opportunity. There is more confusion. The speech was on the right track. Request for loans.

**Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II:** Mr Speaker, I have read it and on page 9 of the Fiscal Strategy Statement, external debts recorded for 2014/2015....

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, their view is that the Government cannot loan anymore. Do not speak on financial matters you do not understand.

**Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II:** Mr Speaker, what do I not understand when I am looking at the Report. Only a person that is ignorant....

**MR SPEAKER:** Our matter is becoming confused Palu. You addressed Tofa Faimalotoa stating that we are not allowed but the Government has responded that there is no such thing. It is only a recommendation but we are controlling things.

I call on the Member for Gagaifomauga No. 1.

**Tofa FAIMALOTOA KIKA IEMAIMA STOWERS:** Thank you Mr Speaker. Thank you Leader of the Opposition for the interjection.

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I am not asthmatic nor am I in need of a break. I am attempting to submit the view of my Constituency. No matter who interrupts, as I said in my Maiden speech, I did not come to answer questions; I came to relay the requests and views of my Constituency. The Hon Prime Minister responded but I wanted to respond that I read the Budget and I did not read anything that prohibits the Government from loaning.

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Yesterday the Hon Prime Minister mentioned that if we want, then it will be and the Government can. That is the recommendation, make a large loan and when all the needs of the Constituencies have been implemented, I do not think a Member would request anymore after the completely tarred roads....

**Afioga Toeolesulusulu Cedric Pose Salesa Schuster:** Mr Speaker....

**MR SPEAKER:** I beg tolerance of the Member that has the floor. I give the opportunity to the Member for Aana Alofi No. 1 and his interjection. Afioga Toeolesulusulu, is it something related to the environment?

**Afioga Toeolesulusulu Cedric Pose Salesa Schuster:** Mr Speaker, no it is a question to understand the Members speech regarding loans. Is the Member aware that in the Budget, approximately \$20million to \$30million will be paid in loans beginning next year? There are 14 of 70+ loans that have not been repaid at the cost of approximately \$20million....

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, this entire morning only questions have been made? The speech is in accord, continue as I am listening.

**Tofa Aveau Tuala Lepale Niko Palamo:** Mr Speaker, an opportunity for a point that needs clarification. The theme as mentioned by many Members is to cut the suit according to the cloth, but it seems that the suit is cut according to the many loans. With respect.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, remember that the cloth is the revenue, grants and loans. The cloth is wide and has three divisions. That is the cloth that it is being measured by. What has happened is that three weeks was given for the Opposition to read the Budget but they are upstanding totally oblivious.

**MR SPEAKER:** Tofa Faimalotoa, stand and continue with your speech.

**Tofa FAIMALOTOA KIKA IEMAIMA STOWERS:** Thank you Mr Speaker. I will not take any longer. I apologize to the Members that interjected, that is their own interpretation of the Budget. If that is the case, then the Leader of the Opposition does not want his road constructed so it should not be done.



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What we are persisting on is the improvement of our Constituencies and our developments for the general benefit. I am not criticizing the loans, measurement is according to what can be done by the Government and what can be loaned. As was mentioned, what can be done, let it be done.

Mr Speaker, I assumed I would be the last to take the floor after all the Members had commented but because no one volunteered to take the floor, I stood but I have not mentioned all the things I wanted to mention.

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Nonetheless, I think this is enough as a contribution from my Constituency supporting the work of this House for the success of our country.

I now conclude my remarks Mr Speaker. May the Lord look kindly on His Highness, O Le Ao o le Malo, the Member of the Council of Deputies, yourself Mr Speaker, Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet, Leader of the Opposition and the Deputy Leader of the Opposition and the dignity of the House.

To the dignity of Samoa listening in and the support of my dear Constituency of Gagaifomauga No. 1, Gods blessings be upon you and may your humble servant prosper.

With respect.

**MR SPEAKER:** Well done Honorable Member.

We now have come to the speech by one of the new Members as we near the end of this Term. The Honorable Member from Tuamasaga, Susuga Seiuli Ueligitone Seiuli, this is the opportunity for your Maiden Speech.

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**Susuga SEIULI UELIGITONE SEIULI (Sagaga le Usoga):** Mr Speaker, I was sitting and wondering when an opportunity would be granted for this new Member so I am grateful. I am guided by the words “the last to arrive seeks guidance from the first to arrive”. I acknowledge the Member who has just completed her comments. She has only been in the House for six months and I only have six months before my time ends.

Mr Speaker and the dignity of the Members of Parliament; Hon Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister and Cabinet, Members of the Human Rights Protection Party, Leader of Opposition and Deputy Leader and the Tautua Samoa Party, I stand with the deepest respect before you all to take this rare opportunity within the House to relay the humble voice of Sagaga le Usoga. I need not address the dignity of the House for whatever I say, will not add or remove an iota of its honorifics nor the setup of this House, the House of the nation. The House where wisdom and vision is generated for the national success of Samoas citizens.

I do not possess the wisdom or the speed to cast our nets in the deep, but let me be a support for the House and its Members who are experienced Parliamentarians and possess the knowledge for I am only a new Member. My ship has only just come into harbor through by-elections but this is the norm. If I attempt and cause an offence, stand firm for it is the little that I can offer in this short time on behalf of my Constituency. If there is use of my

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comments, let it be used to sew a sweet scented garland, if not, I seek your wisdom and patience. I am filled with gratitude; let us celebrate this new day.

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I cannot forget the support of His Highness, O Le Ao o le Malo and Masiofo, the Member of the Council of Deputies and your Masiofo and the traditional setup of Samoa; *Tama ma o latou Aiga, o Aiga ma a latou Tama, le mamalu ia Pule ma Tumua, Ituau ma Alataua, Aiga i le Tai ma le Vaa o Fonoti.*

Let us acknowledge our brothers in the East; *Sua ma le Vaifanua, Fofa ma Aitulagi, Saole ma Saleaumua ma le Launiu na Saelua, le Laau na Amotasi, Auvaa o Tootoo ma upu i le Manuatele.* The success of our Parliament is due to your support such as was the support of Feepo.

I greet the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly and the Office of the Clerk, the CEOs of the Government Ministries and Corporations, the media; I extend my gratitude to you all for your important contribution and support.

I wish for my gratitude to be recorded for the Holy servants of the Lord preaching the Good Word within my Constituency and Samoa. Thank you for preaching from the Word for the spiritual growth of Samoa today and forever. Well done for all your prayers.

Mr Speaker, I wish to address my dear Constituency of Sagaga le Usoga listening in support. To the village of Tuanai, I address your honorifics; *afifio o Saena ma le aiga Sa Saena, susu Luafetasaga o le Alo o Fuatino, afio Tuitea na tofia papa, ma lau fetalaiga Tupai, Lefale ma le afu o le Alataua.* Thank you for your support and encouragement, any task that is supported ends in success. We do not have the wisdom to know the future save the Lord. To Afega and your honorific salutations; *afio o le aiga Sa Gauifaleai, lo oulua Fata ma Maulolo o Tuitui o le Gatoaitete, o vagana i tulafale ma upu ia te oe Tuisamau;* thank you for your support, do not give up, I am here today, but you are tomorrow.

Also to the support of my village of Malie; *susu o le Tapaau Faasisina i le Malietoa, e susu i lona nofoa vaevaeloloa ma lou fala na folaloa i lou tala na atoa, a malele, ua faafofoga Samoa, afio Maualaivao ma le Matua ia Faamausili, susu Seiuli o le ulu na taulata, susu Taito o le Foaialii ma le aiga Sa Maualaivao, le mamalu tele i pou e fitu o le maota o Malietoa ma lau fetalaiga Auimatagi, le upega fetalaiga i le lautinalaulelei, le Ala o Leului ma Salapo.* Thank you for your support. Let us not praise ourselves but give praise back to the Lord whom we praise and sing. All aspects have been satisfied, this is your honor, this is your privilege that you have bestowed upon me, who am I that you would elect?

I wish to express gratitude to the candidates; Tofa Logo Fetaomi, Susuga Vaotuua and Fata Tulasunui Talalelei. I acknowledge your candidatures and the respectful and honorable relationship conveyed during that time. Let bygones be bygones and seek together a victory. We are one because you are my brothers and the love of Christ connects us.

Mr Speaker, I acknowledge the previous Member who held this seat, Afioga Muagututagata Peter Ah Him for all the work he did for our Constituency. If

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there are requests currently before the Government, entrust them in me and I will try to continue with them.

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To my dear Constituency, pray in support, what improvements are needed for the benefit of our Constituency, I will try to the best of my abilities to get it done. But if time is short, do not worry, the Lord always provides. Sagaga le Usoga, where your wisdom may lie, we are now moving forward, I am reserved but seek your wisdom and authority.

My wish will not be done, but let the will of our Constituency be done. Good luck for the upcoming General Elections.

Mr Speaker, Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet Ministers, regarding my appointment to be the Associate Minister of Communication and Information Technology, as well as a Member of the Parliamentary Committee, I did not think I would be given such an honor but I am indeed grateful. I did not think I would have this privilege especially during the final 6 months of this Term. Indeed I am grateful Hon Prime Minister for the consideration, thank you for the honor bestowed upon my Constituency.

Mr Speaker, I wish to mention some developments that need improvement within my Constituency. There are requests to the Government for the main road at Tuanai. There is a road that goes inland and around to Leauvaa connecting to Aleisa. This road is not only used by the village of Tuanai, but also those that travel to Aleisa. It has been in disrepair from the water erosion, perhaps repair work will only cost \$150. Also in Afeaga, there is a road similar to that in Tuanai that connects to Aleisa which is not only used by the village of Afega but also those travelling to Aleisa. There are eroded parts of the road because of the water flow. This road leads to the location of the new school building.

There is another road next to the market that goes around the shore and comes out near the bridge in the beginning of Afega. Is it the will of the Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet to reconstruct this road? This road also needs to be tar sealed again and I assume it would only cost about \$150,000.

Also there are two roads in Malie; the Vailoa and Vaifoa roads which are not far apart perhaps only a kilometer and a half in length. There is a need for reconstruction of these roads for those residing in these areas.

Mr Speaker, this would be a victory for this Member if these requests are approved. Such a privilege would be for the Constituents to say "Seiuli, thank you for the roads, let light your burden. There will be no contest in the 2016 Elections."

Mr Speaker and Members of Parliament, this is enough but as for the Appropriation now on the Table, I acknowledge the Hon Minister of Finance or the Hon Prime Minister. It was not a simple task. Well done to the CEO and the Ministry of Finance for the good work. This Constituency supports the Appropriation.

Mr Speaker, we will recede. I desire to make use of this golden opportunity but I am also cautious. May the Good Lord bless His Highness, O Le Ao o le Malo and his Masiofo, the Member of the Council of Deputies and his Masiofo. God bless the Hon Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, Cabinet,

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Leader of the Opposition and Deputy Leader of the Opposition as well as all the Members of Parliament.

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God bless the support of my Constituency of Sagaga le Usoga and Samoa listening in and may your humble servant live. Thank you.

*Members of Parliament applauded the Maiden Speech of the Member for Sagaga le Usoga.*

*Second reading debate resumed on the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.2) 2014/2015 & Appropriation Bill 2015/2016.*

**MR SPEAKER:** Well done to the Member for Sagaga le Usoga. I believe there is support in this House today for your Maiden Speech as was the support of Feepo. Your calling is a calling from God and the upcoming Elections will deliver a new Parliament for the new Term. Have faith in God and be seen in the Constituency. That is the recommendation of the House. Trust in the Lord in this little time you have left. A thousand days is similar to one day. I commend you for mentioning the work of the previous Member that sat in the Seat.

I believe we are near our recess hour and the motion is passed to recess and begin again at 3.00pm until 7.00pm. I plead with the remaining Members to take the floor, there are many of you. The Committee will respond after and the Chairperson will be followed by the Governments response. We should finish tomorrow if we consider the work we have left. There are also other obligations. I ask for your patience for this evening while the Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet attend to other important meetings and then we will gather again and resume at 3.00pm.

I thank all the Members of the House for your patience. I announce that the Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly will be suspended until 3.00pm in the afternoon.

*Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly were suspended at 12.55pm until 3.00pm.*

*Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly resumed at 3.00pm.*

*Second reading debate resumed on the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.2) 2014/2015 & Appropriation Bill 2015/2016.*

**MR SPEAKER:** I extend gratitude at this part of the day for we are able to gather in the House as per the program. I plead for your patience. I greet the

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Members that have just joined us after attending to other obligations. Well done for your efforts to attend to Constituency matters.

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That is a wise Member. One who attends Constituency commitments but also attends the Sitting. We have come to the first part of the evening with the intention that by the end of the evening, all the Members would have taken the floor by 7.00pm. Leave your trust with the Government to take note of our time and there may be adjustments.

Before we had our recess, Susuga Seiuli concluded his Maiden Speech. Susuga Ifopo, stand to make your speech as Member for Aiga i le Tai.

**Susuga IFOPO MATIA FILISI (Aiga i le Tai):** Thank you Mr Speaker. Thankfully we have additional strength to continue with our Meeting. First I thank the Chair for the guidance and calming way in which this Meeting is conducted in peace. I greet the Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet and the Members of Parliament. I am grateful for this forum where we can gather in the love and grace of the Lord.

I greet Samoa and their support; His Highness O Le Ao o le Malo and your Masiofo, the Member of the Council of Deputies and your Masiofo, Chief Justice and the members of the Judiciary. I acknowledge also the CEOs of the various Government Ministries and Corporations in your various responsibilities in serving the nation for their future benefit. Thank you. I salute the traditional setup; Aiga o Nofu, Aiga o Tupu, Aiga o Papa ma Aiga na Tafaifa. Le mamalu i le upega lauga ia Pule ma Tumua, tula o Aiga ma Faleupolu tofofi o Samoa.

I acknowledge the holy servants chosen to preach the Word of God. At this time Mr Speaker and the esteemed Parliament, I will now address my Constituency. The Budget that has been tabled is the final one for this Parliamentary Term but I will get to it after I have greeted my electorates. Aiga i le Tai my dear Constituency, I acknowledge and extend greetings to your honorific salutations. I also greet my village of Mulifanua as I comment on the Appropriation on the last year of this Term.

I greet Tofa Tuua Vaatiuola and Lautolo and also the *faletua* and *tausi* and all the untitled men. I cannot forget the Servants of the Lord in our Constituency for your prayers of blessings but also encouragement.

Mr Speaker, our view will be brief as we do not have much to say on this Budget now upon the Table. There are only reminders. I greet the Hon Prime Minister, the Cabinet and all of Parliament.

I greet the Hon Minister of Police, well done in your responsibilities. I extend gratitude also to the Ministry and the Commissioner of Police. The only request of this Member is regarding the outpost station at Faleolo. Hon Minister, there is a need for enough vehicles to cover Faleolo which includes the airport and the wharf. There are accidents in the rural areas. Once, there was a call for assistance but there was no vehicle for an incident at the Aana No. 2 school and they waited for more than an hour. The humble request is for enough vehicles to be distributed accordingly.

To the Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture, I am grateful that legislation has been passed. Thank you for the responsibilities you have taken on.

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I thank the President of the Aana No. 2 School Committee who is also another Member, Afioga Taefu for the road that was requested because it is in disrepair. We are grateful for this road at Apolima leading inland to the school.

We cannot forget the playing field at the school in Mulifanua. The Hon Minister responsible for leasing lands approved this land which the village decided to use for a playing field with an area of about 4 acres. I believe that soon, the Hon Minister will soon consider a field for the Constituency. This is the only area where the land is flat and large enough for a field for Falelatai to Mulifanua.

Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture, I commend you and the same is extended to the CEO and the ACEOs of each Division.

Hon Minister of Natural Resource and Environment, I applaud your efforts however there is not enough land for our Constituency. There is a common statement we make amongst ourselves; we are frontage on the sea and at our rear, the Estates. I pray Hon Minister, what discretion is there with yourself and the Cabinet in assisting our Constituency of Aiga i le Tai because we need land to grow and contribute to the economy. That is my humble request to the Hon Minister.

There are lands that we leased 40 years ago and there were plans that this land would be purchased by each village. We do not seek to have it for free but at an affordable cost so we can purchase the land. That is our humble request to the Hon Minister and the Cabinet.

To the Hon Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, I commend you and your Ministry. When it comes to marine reserve areas, I do not know if there is another Constituency that equals that of Aiga i le Tai. I applaud the Head of the Fisheries Division for initiating this program for reserves from Mulifanua, Lalovi, Satui, Apolima to Manono. Thank you for your service and work.

I only wish to make special mention of the sea cucumber nursery and other marine life. There is a business on the island of Apolima that is operating such a nursery and perhaps next month or the following month we will be able to travel there and witness the project that has been visited by the Ministry. There is a fishing ban on them so they are farmed in licensed nurseries. I thank the Hon Minister for the service to each village within our Constituency.

Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Culture, you are the focus of many constituencies needs not only for roads, water, ports but other infrastructure. This Constituency does not whine but we are patient. Thank you Hon Prime Minister for responding and now there is a proposed project for the wharf at Faleu and the road. Water supply is an expensive venture but I am grateful. This Constituency will wait patiently for this projects realization. This project also includes the Ministry of Natural Resource and Environment to raise the seawall on the island of Manono.

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Hon Prime Minister also the Minister of Finance, I hear from the speeches made on the Budget and the distribution of our cake that there are only two pieces allocated for Savaii and Upolu. Now I plead, please remember that our cake should have four pieces; Upolu, Savaii, Manono and Apolima, that is our humble request. Please do not show favoritism.

Mr Speaker, I thank the Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet for the work. I believe other Ministers also contribute to our country in various ways and have requests from the other Members. As for me, we will wait and support. Whatever is given for us, we will be satisfied.

Regarding the Appropriation, thank you for the allocations. Thank you Hon Minister and the Ministry. I have also extended gratitude to each Ministry for their service in developing the nation of Samoa and its people.

My dear Constituency, thank you. I believe this concludes our speech on the Budget for this year, the final year of this Term. There will come another time when we will orate but for now Mr Speaker, thank you for my opportunity. We accept and commend the Budget 2015/2016. God bless this Parliamentary Meeting and Samoa.

**MR SPEAKER:** Well done with your speech Honorable Member for Aiga i le Tai. The Constituency has heard your speech. You are neighbors with Vaa o Fonoti and so the opportunity will be given. I call on the Member for Vaa o Fonoti.

**Afioga TIALAVEA FEA TIONISIO SEIGAFOLAVA (Vaa o Fonoti):** Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity granted to this Constituency to comment on the Appropriation.

First I greet you Mr Speaker, Hon Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, Cabinet Ministers and Associate Ministers. I also extend greetings to the Leader of the Opposition, Deputy Leader of the Opposition and the Members of that side.

I greet my dear Constituency of Vaa o Fonoti, I need not address your honorifics because of the time but I believe not a single iota of your honorifics can be changed.

Mr Speaker, I am a Member of the Finance and Expenditure Committee and many of our views are recorded in the Report now before the House and this Constituency approves the Appropriation 2015/2016.

There are only a few matters in expression of gratitude on behalf of my Constituency to the Government and the work implemented. Thank you and well done to the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure for the work at Fagaloa and the road at Uafato which was a difficult project because it is constructed through mountains and valleys. Thank you that the distribution has come our way after 53 years which I believe other Members that took this seat would also attest to.

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The only request Hon Minister is whether the road can be extended to reach the main village. Should there be a time when this road is extended, the machinery would have to be transported from Fagaloa and back but there is a resident company in the area and I believe it is more affordable to utilize the company before the road is again destroyed if left to be extended at an unknown time. I persist on this Hon Minister and leave this request with you as I am eager especially while it is affordable and the company is camped at Uafato. It is easy now to continue the work and save public funds. Other than that, we are grateful for the work done in Fagaloa.

I also make a request for an access road for the village of Faleapuna. There is only one that is approximately 1.6 kilometers and it connects to the other side of the village. Inland of this road is also where the school will be relocated because the current location is too close to the sea. I request Hon Minister for this as I sit and listen that some Members have three access roads and I envy them. Faleapuna has not witnessed the construction of an access road and I will leave it at your wise distribution. I believe it is difficult but assistance is needed. After the 1.5 kilometers, it should be extended because there is the village of Matautu approximately another 400 meters inland and there is also a church there, so perhaps an extension of 2 kilometer is appropriate as I hear the length of access roads is 2 kilometers. If it cannot be tarred, maybe it can be repaired to be accessible because it is in a very poor condition at the moment Hon Minister.

Hon Minister of Natural Resource and Environment, thank you for the visit and now our seawall will be constructed from Salimu to Musumususu. I believe the seawall should be done first and then the road last because if the road is done first, it will be destroyed. I am grateful because I have been informed that it will be done this year and I extend a word of gratitude by way of the Chair to the Hon Minister.

I believe Mr Speaker that many of the Ministries work together for the benefit of our country. The Ministry of Agriculture, I personally believe is the centre post of our country, there is a tourist aspect to it and youth can work together. I attended a meeting in Fiji and I listened to a representative from Africa speak of the deplorable conditions in their country and they were envious of Samoa and its youth because we do not experience what they are going through.

This is perhaps what true poverty is, hunger, thirst, sleeping on the streets with only cardboard boxes for shelter. I witnessed it during one of our visits where many people sleep on the sidewalks. We are poor in money, but they are poor in money, shelter, clothing and you can see their skeletal bodies lying on the roadsides and that is what I interpret as poverty. We might think there will be no challenges but we must work to keep a stable economy through agriculture so we can have daily food supply. Thank you Hon Minister for the Food Security award in 2013.



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Hon Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, in Fiji there are hundreds of fishing vessels and we visited many fish factories and it was mentioned that one branch would be established in Apia, it is sensational. These factories fillet lots of fish and export it and there is no stench and not everyone can enter into the premises. There are forms to fill declaring whether you have an illness or if you are feverish, whether you have traveled or if you were at a farm; there are many safety precautions. Such a building is proposed to be built at the wharf. Let us hope it becomes a reality. Perhaps the Ministry should relax some of their conditions to simplify the licensing of fishing vessels. Currently we have maybe only six vessels but as I was saying, Fiji has hundreds of vessels registered, PNG has more and these are the only two countries that have signed an EPA with Europe. Many of the other Pacific islands are trying to get into these contracts but the EU is hesitant and it has been rescheduled for another three years. For our progress forward, this is one development not only to create employment but also to increase the products to be supplied to these vessels which will eventuate in economic growth. As the Hon Minister mentioned yesterday, there are many that want to work on the vessels but I believe our peoples interests are short lived. After two weeks working they will want to return. But profits from supplying these vessels such as diesel and other supplies will be ours.

Hon Minister, perhaps some of the criterias for applying for licenses can be relaxed for fishing vessels fishing in our zones and we can sign an EPA with Europe and export to Europe will be easier. Fiji is doing so as well as Papua New Guinea and it would be nice if this market was open for profit.

Hon Minister of Health, I commend the Ministry for their task is not an easy one. Many hospitals overseas and those run by the State also take a long time in triage but there are emergencies that are attended to immediately. Thankfully we now have an emergency division at our new hospital for critical patients. The only recommendation Hon Minister is the maintenance of the building. There are times I visit the hospital and I see that the building is beginning to mould. I believe maintenance should be prioritized even if it is outsourced to the private sector to clean and maintain. Maintenance I believe should replace air conditions and wires because China has a different building code.

Mr Speaker, there are not many requests. Thank you to the Government for the work.

Hon Minister of Police and Prisons, well done for managing the Police Service. Thank you to the new Commissioner and the Division heads of the Ministry, there are many new changes. The beginning is always difficult but in the end everything will be simpler for the service.

Also for the Prisons, despite there being escaped prisoners, I trust the Commissioner of Prisons will find them who have been gone for three months. It should not be left too long. There should be a strategy such as advertising an award for information of the prisoners whereabouts. It has been too long since the prisoner escaped. I believe that if the reward was given, today or tomorrow there will be information of the whereabouts.

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Those are some of our views Mr Speaker as I said before, most of our recommendations are in the Report of the Finance and Expenditure

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Committee. Well done to the Government and the individual Ministries. I also acknowledge the Hon Minister of Public Enterprise because there are funds to assist with our budget. Well done to all the Ministers and the Hon Minister of Communication and Information Technology for the cable which will enable faster internet speed at an affordable price. The only recommendation is that the Ministry controls the administration of this project so internet service providers can compete and revenue is generated for the Government. The development should not progress while the internet technology is underdeveloped but they should progress simultaneously. Thankfully this will commence in the end of the year.

Thank you Mr Speaker for this Constituency's opportunity to share its views. Thank you to my Constituency for the support in the past four years. What attempts we strived for during these years, let us thank the Lord and give back praises to Him for embracing on the Government to implement projects in our Constituency.

This is our extended gratitude Mr Speaker. For conducting our Meeting, I commend you Mr Speaker, well done and thank you for the opportunity.

**MR SPEAKER:** I thank the Member for Vaa o Fonoti.

We go now to this side of the House to the Member for Vaisigano No. 2. We are progressing with the Committee Members left to comment but I will give the floor.

**Tofa MOTUOPUAA UIFAGASA AISOLI VAAI (Vaisigano No.2):** Thank you Mr Speaker.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you for attending today.

**Tofa MOTUOPUAA UIFAGASA AISOLI VAAI:** I assumed that it was up to the Member to stand but you are choosing us. Despite that I will not do my will but I will obey.

Esteemed Members of the House, Mr Speaker, Hon Prime Minister, Leader of the Opposition and Members of Parliament not forgetting the Office of the Clerk and CEOs of the Ministries present here today, I sincerely greet you all.

I did not think Vaisigano No. 2 would make a speech today. Before I comment on the Appropriation 2015/2016, I extend my condolences to the Member for Vaisigano No. 1 for the loss of his wife. May the Lord comfort your family at this time of sorrow especially the grieving Constituency.

As I said, I did not think to make a speech. Reading the theme of the Appropriation 2015/2016 IS "Live within your means" I sit and think to myself, what were we doing in the past years? Living beyond our means? But only now it is right. We were moving fast and now we are returning to where we started. This word 'return' is like a sinful person returning to Christ.

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It is an important word Mr Speaker. Returning after repenting, returning from an unsuccessful venture. It is like what one transgender from Savaii said during their pageant; let us return where we came from.

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Thank you Hon Prime Minister for the Appropriation Bill 2015/2016 so that we can now live within our means. Thank you for the Budget. In the past, the bureaucracy was large scale with too many administrations and little output in each department. For instance the Health Department, there are so many employees and you do not know what others are doing. That brings me to the Ministry of Health. I first thank the Hon Minister for the new hospital for my Constituents and the public. I only request for a permanent doctor. The building is exceptional but it would be even better if there was a doctor to see the patients heading to the Sataua hospital.

The Motootua hospital is exquisite. I spoke to European doctors and they said the same but they said if only it had all the necessary equipment and other instruments. There is no other hospital in the Pacific that can compare except the hospital in New Zealand so perhaps when we have funds we can fully equip the hospital. Not only we do not have the equipment, but we also lack in specialists. Our doctors are being sent to Fiji for their post graduate diplomas. Can we not follow the example of Papua New Guinea and their exchange program with Australia with doctors on the register level? Doctors in PNG are trained in Australia, and the doctors in Australia work and treat the different diseases in PNG and the PNG Doctors have high qualifications. Many of the doctors I went to school with are at the Fellowship level but for us, if you do not go and find your own experience, you will not gain any knowledge. Hon Minister, it would be beneficial if we had this arrangement and not go through Fiji because we are similar on the Masters level but it would be better if the new graduates are trained in an exchange program with New Zealand to gain wide experience and return to serve in our country. If we have the equipment then we would not need to send patients overseas as mentioned by the Hon Prime Minister. These are all the aspects we need to consider.

Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture, the hospital is now in Sataua which is the centre of the Constituency and there was a time when in Sataua there was a post office and the school. Now the post office and school have been moved to other locations. Falelima, Neiafu, Tufutafoe, Falealupo and Papa each pray that the district school be relocated back to Sataua where it is central because Asau is too far. That is the humble request for the future.

Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure, this is perhaps the tenth year we have requested for the roads in our village. The roads leading inland were destroyed by cyclones. Other Members roads have been reconstructed and they have only just entered parliament but I have been requesting since 2006 and again I put it forward. Maybe one day you will wake up and remember my request. Hon Minister have sympathy for us....

**MR SPEAKER:** The Hon Minister is very sympathetic, I call on the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure.

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**Afioga Hon Manualesagalala Mati Tuigamala Enokati Posala:** Thank you Mr Speaker, I hear the Members speech and I know that many of the works are in progress – Vaisigano No. 2 and Falealupo vast areas beginning from the shore going inland and there are many access roads leading inland and there are those still in construction. They have more roads than Apia.

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Even the water supply, they requested this and it has reached the school building. Despite the Member for Falealupo interrupting, he should advise his neighboring Member about the water that we are trying to distribute but there is no harmony amongst them which is the cause of the water issues. As for the road it depends on the residents in the area and the distance but the work is still being continued by the Land Transport Authority so that the road and traffic are at the same standard with all due respect.

**MR SPEAKER:** I call on the Member for Vaisigano No. 2.

**Tofa MOTUOPUAA UIFAGASA AISOLI VAAI:** Thank you Hon Minister. We will not debate the issue of the roads but I only mention the road at Fagasa which I have requested for a long time. It needs to be raised. This road was destroyed by Cyclone Ofa but it is less than 150metres in length to where the residential area is. Perhaps when you visit Savaii again then you can witness this yourself with all due respect. I have persisted on this for a long time.

Mr Speaker, as I said, we have returned to what was before, that is living within our means and I will conclude with that.

May God bless you Mr Speaker, the Leader of the Government, Leader of the Opposition and the Honorable Members including the guests present in the House. God bless Samoa listening in, may we live and prosper in the grace of God, thank you.

**MR SPEAKER:** I thank the Member for Vaisigano No. 2. I believe that your requests have been put forward and the Constituency has heard. This is the last Budget as we near the end and it is important to return. It is after your hospital is built that the Government plans the use of its funds but at least your hospital at Sataua has been constructed.

Tuiatua Faanofonofo, I will give the opportunity as we are progressing with the comments from the Committee. I call on the member for Aleipata Itupa i Lalo followed by one of the Members for Salega, Afioga Afualo Wood Uti Salele.

**Afioga TAFUA MALUELUE TAFUA (Aleipata Itupa i Lalo):** Mr Speaker, thank you. The dignity of this House has been addressed and I will not comment on it. I thank Samoa for listening in support including my Constituency of Aleipata.

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The Member for Aleipata Itupa i Luga has already put forward their needs and I am of the same view. I assumed that since I am the Deputy Chairperson of the Finance and Expenditure Committee myself and Afioga Papaliitele would be last nonetheless I accept and appreciate the opportunity.

Looking at the Budget Strategy, the applicable saying is to not judge a book by its cover because within it is the in depth information. There are only three

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categories to my speech; first, the requests of our Constituency, second, recommendations to the Government and third, the Appropriation.

The request is for the connection of our roads. I testify to the Honorable Parliament that students are walking on dirt. If it were excavated, it would be better for those travelling to church and the students. Also, I hear there is drilling of boreholes at Falealupo, Neiafu, Aleisa and onwards. I met with the CEO of the Samoa Water Authority and he said that after Falelauniu it would be our turn. For your information, I also spoke with the Hon Minister; this water was drilled during the time of Muagututia Siaosi when he was a Member more than 10 years ago. There was a water source on my land but since the earthquake it caved in and blocked the water hole. The land is easily accessible. That is the request but if it is easier for supply to be connected from Samusu, praise God but I will leave it with that Hon Minister.

The new road is exceptional and there are humps for safety, thank you. The only request on behalf of families that have small vehicles and not trucks is that the humps are steep and it dents their vehicles. Perhaps this can be looked into. Not only that, the Hon Prime Minister said during the opening ceremony that this road is used as a race track sometimes. The Hon Minister of Police and Prisons is listening, if the Police at the Lalomanu outpost could schedule visits to the road and park there to slow the vehicles travelling this road.

Regarding the proposed airport for Satitua and Malaela; I spoke with an employee of the contractor and I request with respect for a consultative process to be included similar to what is done overseas.

Any project or development has a consultative stage where consultations are held between all stakeholders which include the villages to talk about the impacts because there are many impacts such as noise and potential fuel leakages which should be consulted on or perhaps make available a design of the airport for us to see.

Thank you to the Fire Service Commissioner, we are still awaiting our new fire engine if you deem it fit to be delivered this year, praise God.

The wharf; it is often questioned when it will be used for travel to Tutuila....

**MR SPEAKER:** I beg tolerance of the Member there is an interjection by the Member for Gagaemauga No. 2.

**Tofa Levaopolo Talatonu:** Mr Speaker, the Member mentioned the wharf. My question is whether this wharf is still useable? Is there a need within the Constituency or are there constituents working there?

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**Afioga TAFUA MALUELUE TAFUA:** There is a great use, first, when the vessels travelling between Samoa and Tutuila or Savaii and Upolu get old and become pensioners, they are docked at the slipway.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, if the Member for Aleipata Itupa i Lalo is unhappy with the wharf then it should be relocated to Lepa. What the Government tries

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to develop, that is useful and if Aleipata does not want the wharf then it will be removed.

**Afioga TAFUA MALUELUE TAFUA:** I apologize Mr Speaker I did not finish responding to the question from the Member. The truth is that it is useful but the only complaint is the eye sore of this Constituency with the vessels just docked there.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** I am surprised at the Member that has the floor. The vessels that travel the routes mentioned are not pensioned, that is disrespectful.

**Afioga TAFUA MALUELUE TAFUA:** Thank you Hon Prime Minister....

**Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II:** Point of clarification Mr Speaker.

**MR SPEAKER:** I will not accept your point of clarification. There is no reason you should clarify the matter, the Member is speaking. I call on the Member for Aleipata Itupa i Lalo. Be reasonable Leader of the Opposition. I give the opportunity to the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure.

**Afioga Hon Manualesagalala Mati Tuigamala Enokati Posala:** The wharf at Satitua is being used. There are vessels there which indicate that maintenance work is being done at the slipway and if there are others docked in the harbor, they are waiting to be repaired. The repairs and maintenance by Australia of our police patrol boat is scheduled for this week. This boat and the one from Tonga are included in this project to be repaired and maintained at the slipway. The Satitua slipway is very important. There needs to be adjustments because the Lady Naomi that travels to Tutuila also travels to Cook Islands and Tokelau but if it came to this wharf, it would be easier to travel to Tutuila. There are changes at our Satitua wharf which is also a slipway and it is very essential. Transit routes go through here even for fishing vessels. That is the most important as we can now rely on this and use it. The only perspective of this slipway is negativity and complaints. If you consider the importance of the Samoa Shipping Corporation, it is an example to the Pacific of how we use our vessels and the services provided and we should be ecstatic about it.

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For Asau, that is in the future plans of the Government. There is a wharf and when the time comes when it is needed, it will be used.

The Government does not have a single vision. It looks to the north, south, east and west, with respect.

**Afioga TAFUA MALUELUE TAFUA:** Thank you Hon Minister and the Hon Prime Minister. I apologize if I have caused offence before I could complete my response to the Opposition and the interjection.

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**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, I have spoken many times on this specific wharf. This was where Government plans began; at Satitua, Aleipata where this part of the land was chosen during the time of Tupua to establish a wharf. Moving forward into the next 100 years, it cannot be removed. These points are the closest distance between Samoa East and West and the travel between these two Samoas can never be ceased. Anyone that complains about this wharf does not have vision. You have to have foresight which is what initiated the establishment of the wharves for Salelologa-Mulifanua travel because they are the nearest distance. It is absurd to connect routes from Salelologa to Lefaga because it is far but it should be the nearest distance which is also the most affordable option. The development of these lands cannot be stopped because that is the way of life, there is always growth and it cannot be halted. Travel between these two islands will always exist as well as exports to Pagopago.

Mr Speaker, that is the nature of things, it begins small and becomes great. Now there are complaints which are indicative of the lack of foresight. The only thing they look to is the Elections but the Government looks forward to the next hundred generations to come. Mr Speaker, the reason for these developments and infrastructural projects is understood by Samoa and the future.

**Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II:** Mr Speaker, a point that needs clarification. The Hon Prime Minister is correct. But what I am standing to put forward is the expensive costs when it is not being used and that is a fact.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, the Hon Minister has just mentioned the works being done there. You have ears but do not hear.

**MR SPEAKER:** I feel the explanation by the Hon Minister on the slipway and the wharf is clear. Member for Aleipata Itupa i Lalo it is fit that you continue so that we can finish. I call on the Member.

**Afioga TAFUA MALUELUE TAFUA:** I am at a loss for words with this burden that has been placed on me but regardless.

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Hon Minister responsible for electric posts, under the CSO there is a man Paul Stevenson who is constructing a hotel at Amaile and I humbly request that perhaps a portion of the CSO can be used to continue the electricity connection to this hotel.

**Afioga Hon Manualesagalala Mati Tuigamala Enokati Posala:** Mr Speaker, this is one matter that I need to clarify; the Community Service Obligation. For electricity, a request form is submitted to the Corporation then they will visit the site and carry out a cost assessment and it is then referred to the Committee chaired by the Hon Prime Minister as Minister of Finance, myself, a representative from EPC and the Ministry of Finance then the cost

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and number of electricity posts is calculated. All this is submitted then it is passed but it is not requested through here. Processes should be followed. Visits are done and a report is made under the CSO. It is simpler to do that than to bring it forward in this forum. Even for street lights, a request is given to the Corporation and they will visit the site if it is a necessity or if it is just bush land. A report is also referred to the Committee for approval then it is certain whether it is relevant. With respect.

**MR SPEAKER:** I call on the Deputy Chairperson of the Committee.

**Afioga TAFUA MALUELUE TAFUA:** Thank you Hon Minister for clarifying this matter. I mentioned this in this Meeting because I assumed you would clarify it first but thank you.

Another request is for the street lights for the new road that was just recently constructed as there are many residing along this road. Perhaps at a future time, street lights for this road and the road to the school in Satitua and Saleaamua will be considered. The road at Satitua is approximately half a meter and Saleaamua maybe 200 meters.

The second part of our speech is recommendations to the Government. We received \$370 million from the Samoa Tourism Authority and I request to whoever is responsible as to what exactly is the policy? The contractors maintaining the sides of the roads do a good job but it is tainted by plastic cups and papers and well as bottles and aluminum rubbish. Perhaps if we had a rubbish drive for instance a person can report a person littering and they receive a 50% instant fine. Not only will the Government receive revenue but the person reporting the incident will be compensated and litter reduced. I speak for the road at Lemafa. Many throw their rubbish there near the roads in the grass where no one can see.

Also Hon Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, regarding pesticides, is there a future proposal to reduce the importation of these chemicals because it affects the water sources and it contributes to illnesses with respect.

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I thank the Ministry of Natural Resource and Environment for the work on the Vaisigano river. One of the members for Vaimauga mentioned it and it affects our relatives that live in Matautu, Vaiala and Moataa if it is not planned properly but thankfully it is in the Governments plans. I visited a shop near Vaisigano and checked the price order list, there were two copies; one printed on white paper dated January of this year and one printed on a pink paper with just the year 2015. I recommend only one list is visible so the customers know which the current list is.

Another matter concerns the Tourism Authority with respect. Requests for rails along the footpaths for the safety of pedestrians seem to fall on deaf ears especially for the path from Vaisigano to the Fisheries Division. Also, a wheelchair bound passenger from the ferry can fall in. This is one thing that the Government should expend on instead of wheelchair ramps in front of



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Bluesky, Mulivai and other roads that are blocked by large pipe rails. I also made a speech on the road in front of the Development Bank opposite the NPF Plaza where I heard a pedestrian was run over. I requested an over bridge between these two buildings and I spoke to a CEO and was told that the distance is not wide enough for an over bridge but perhaps there is another area in Apia, where it would be useful. Money will be expended but it is for the safety of the public.

Also Mr Speaker, I mentioned restaurant ratings for our tourists benefit. The Health sector should carry out spot checks to kitchens and hygiene level rated A, B or C for the customers to see and the restaurant with an A or B rating will be the fullest. This will also attract tourists.

Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture, the competition at the end of the month is very important for colleges to revive our culture. It is an exceptional initiative and I commend you for this important initiative for the future.

There is a chapel at Taufusi that is almost complete and I question how it is this building can be established without a car park. The Mulivai and Matafele chapels have car parks and I ask myself how the license was granted for this large building without a car park. Even the back is not enough space. There is a benchmark calculated by the number of seats of the chapel to plan the car park.

Another recommendation concerns the project to renovate state owned buildings as mentioned by one Member; TATTE, Fiame Mataafa Building, the Development Bank, the Court House, Parliament and other buildings. There should be a maintenance program for these buildings and that should be considered for the future.

Finally I conclude with the marine cable from Fiji. I am grateful to the Hon Minister. The only recommendation is that the TV Station is also available on island which was also requested by the Regulator but it was said that it would be considered in the future.

To my Constituency, that is our speech, if there has been any offence to Parliament or Samoa listening in, I apologize. A fisherman is wise but there are always errors, no one is perfect.

### **Motion for Extension of Sitting Hours**

*Le paia e o si ou Itumalo i le Alaalamalae faapea foi le Alii o le Itu ma le Tane o le Itu, Pule na Taitai ma le mamalu ia Saleaaumua;* that is our honorific salutations, I hope that there will not be any Election for us. God bless. Soifua.

**MR SPEAKER:** I thank the Deputy Chairperson of the Committee, Afioga Tuiatua Faanofonofu.

We have now come to the hour of recess so I deem it fit we have a break and we will continue when we return. When we return, Leaupepe, Faumuina, Lealailepule and Afualo will take the floor.

*Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly were set aside at 4.48pm and resumed at 5.21pm.*

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**MR SPEAKER:** I extend gratitude at this hour of the evening as we continue with our orders. We have a little while to go before the end of the speeches by the Members so we must continue. Tomorrow will be for the Governments response and then we will rest. My request to the House and the Members is to be considerate of the time.

I call on the Hon Prime Minister for a motion.

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**Susuga Hon TUILAIPA FATIALOFA AUELUA LUPESOLIAI AIONO NEIOTI SAILELE MALIELEGAOI:** Mr Speaker, I stand to move a motion, *That the orders of the day continue until 11.00pm.*

*Seconded by Deputy Prime Minister.*

*Motion approved.*

*Second reading resumed on the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.2) & Appropriation Bill 2015/2016.*

**MR SPEAKER:** I call on Afioga Hon Leaupepe, this is your opportunity.

**Afioga Hon LEAUPEPE TOLEAFOA APULU FAAFISI (Aana Alofi No.1):** Thank you Mr Speaker for this important opportunity given to me. I will not take long. I thank my Constituency for their support and I commend the Government for the work in the past years and the Budgets appropriated.

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For this Term we have come to the final Budget which I will comment on later.

I greet first my Constituency in all their honorific salutations which can never be divided. For the first time in the New Year, our Constituency will be divided but we are still one. The Dignity I will not address and I am grateful to our forefathers who have passed on for their vigilance which has resulted in the Constituency being of high standard today.

I congratulate and acknowledge your traditional setup; *Satuala ia Aiono ma Leaupepe, Sua ma Toleafoa ma le Taauso, le mamalu o le Falefitu ma le Igoamatua ia Tauauvea.* These are your honorifics which remain and can never be changed. I feel the warmth from your support which enables me to deal with the politics through the seat of our Constituency. I plead for your support as I try to present our view.

In case I forget, I remember Fasitoo-uta. I am full of pride at the work yesterday where the whole village was decorated with flags. There is no need to instruct when there is wisdom and a village that is decorated and beautified and pleasing to the eye, a village that is filled with wisdom and foresight. This

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is why I extend gratitude to Fasitoo from those in authority to the young ones. This is our contribution to the Governments efforts which speaks of our service. These efforts show the villages and Constituency support of the Governments plans and vision for the benefit of Samoa. Therefore I again commend and offer my gratitude.

On behalf of the Constituency, I thank and congratulate the Cabinet; Hon Prime Minister and your sailors for your efforts in the development of Samoa through the different sectors and it is not a simple task. We also sat in those seats in the past and there is no rest as we labor in our duties and responsibilities which the country has entrusted us with. It is not only the Hon Prime Minister that advises us but also the Honorable Members and the country as a whole so that there is unity and depth to our work. This is why we must congratulate you for we only cry out for assistance to our Constituencies, villages and families and that there is no favoritism in the distribution. I feel I will not take long as other Members have spoken and those are our similar thoughts but we first commend and thank the Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet and may the Lord bless you in your duties.

The theme is to “Live within your means”, but our Constituency listening in gives first priority to what needs to be done and that is our borehole at Faleasiu to be connected to Lepale. I only make this reminder but I believe that the work is in progress. This is the only reminder in consideration of the time and funds available however despite our needs; priority must be given where it is due.

A minor comment on the theme of the Budget 2015/2016 to ‘live within our means’. I am not a reverend nor do I praise the Hon Prime Minister because there is a saying in Fasitoo ‘another Fasitoo does not praise another Fasitoo’.

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The reason I want to comment on this theme is because it does not only apply to the Budget but it applies in the family and any aspect of life. It applies to churches, employees even me and my children. The prisons are filling up because this theme is not being emphasized. This is why some are jailed because even though they know that \$300 is their weekly wage, they use \$500 and they end up in jail and this is not the child’s fault but the parent. Even this matter debated on regarding the children that do not attend school, education is the future of our country and children. This is why I say this is an important message being presented with the Appropriation Bill 2015/2016. This generates good outcomes, Government developments are planned out well because the country must be developed when the opportunity arises. But this does not hinder the fact that priority must be given where it is due.

I use this opportunity to thank you Mr Speaker for your strength and wisdom and I need not address your reputation as your father was also a Parliamentarian and when one warrior falls, another rises. The Chair is the only position your father did not have but he served in all the Government posts. God bless you with wisdom. This is also the prayer for the dignity of Parliament, the Clerk and Deputy Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, CEOs of the Government Ministries and Corporations, the road to authority is through

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service. God bless this Parliament and this Meeting and may this man from Fasitoo live. Thank you.

**MR SPEAKER:** I congratulate the Member for Aana Alofi No. 1. I am humbled by your speech on this part of the day. You are also a veteran Member of this House. The praise we give back to God. What service we can offer to the country listening in even as you yourself was once in the Chair, let us not self praise, but praise the Lord Almighty God that we may be used as His instruments in serving our country.

One of the Members of Salega, Afioga Afualo Wood Utu Salele, you may stand as we now progress with the comments of the Committee followed by the Member for Vaisigano West and the Member for Palauli le Falefa.

**Afioga AFUALO WOOD UTU SALELE (Salega):** I am grateful Mr Speaker for this important opportunity. First I acknowledge the support of His Highness, O Le Ao o le Malo and his Masiofo as well as the Member of the Council of Deputies and his Masiofo.

I also greet the Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet as well as that side of the House, Leader of the Opposition and Deputy Leader and this side of the House, the Chief Justice and the Judiciary.

I commend and recognize the support of my dear Constituency of Salega and the Clergy who preach the word of God.

Salega, we are aware that the Constituency will be divided into two electoral boundaries which is a good proposal for our progress forward as well as the Candidates that will be vying for a place in Parliament.

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Mr Speaker, I greet my Constituency in all their honorific salutations. I am proud of the honor bestowed on myself and Tofa Tapuai to comment on your behalf and seek assistance to before the Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet.

I will comment last on the Appropriation because many of our views are in the Report except for some matters which I will present on behalf of my Constituency.

Hon Minister of Police and Prisons, you have heard the requests for a police outpost station and now this Term is almost finished perhaps it will be done in the next Term but there is still time. There is also land allotted for this because the nearest police outpost station is in Palauli and the next one is in Asau. The Office of the Electoral Commissioner is now proceeding to register new voters and they need a police post and there is quite a distance between the two posts in these large Constituencies. If there was a post in Salega, it would be easier especially as we near our Elections.

Thank you for the work done throughout this year especially with the many good changes in the Ministry. The only request is that the police academy being proposed will be implemented soon for those who desire to be police officers. This will perhaps be a solution to the issues faced by the Ministry. Hopefully it will be implemented well and the matter of salary and the like can be adjusted now that they will be trained and prepared. Also, a recommendation, perhaps security guards can also be trained at the proposed

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academy. There are many who work in these services and we must prepare to ensure the ability to respond in times of emergencies for the safety of the country. The use of the academy will assist in training others to enhance their services to the country.

Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure, Sagone is listening in and we thank you for the road that we have been requesting for many years with my fellow Member, Afioga Tapuai Toese Ah Sam. The only other matter is the water for Sagone if there is another area to drill, as I mentioned the water is salty unlike the spring at Sagone which is bland and this water supply is getting better but it should be at its highest quality for the hospice.

Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture, I commend you for the many good works that I need not mention for we are used to working together. The recommendation is regarding the early childhood schools. We are beginning to recapture early childhood education to ensure well preparation of our students from the lower level to primary, secondary and further education to reach their potential. All children should live in an educated life and this is where the Ministry responds to the preparation of the children to go into the workforce for quality employment. Some of the Members of the House are critical of fisherman because it is not an easy task, such as the seasonal workers, but if it is well prepared, many will have the opportunity to benefit. Equality will be ensured for all. I commend you for the strategy. However there is a matter requesting that the early childhood teachers are also paid but the discretion is with you because I think many are being paid by the villages with 100 early childhood schools this is a large number but it is not enough.

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Hon Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, I remember in the beginning I compared you to Moses and it is now true. I put forward my recommendations and you have responded. Thank you. You have served the country through this Parliament for many years, God bless you with your future endeavors.

There is a minor query. There has been an increase it is true but there was a vision that the contribution of the Ministry to the national economic growth would be 20%-25%. I believe there has been growth but there is no figure that indicates this growth. Hon Minister, emphasize the conflict between the farmers. Although the Farmers Association is not under your portfolio, but they are the ones that we all rely on and there must be a resolution to reach harmony amongst them so we can attain a high export supply.

Afioga Tolofuaivalelei, thank you for the proposed Bill which has not yet been tabled prioritizing the Village Fono. Personally, I think that the assistance of our lawyers should be employed as we have the numbers. The Bill as per normal is drafted and prepared then it is referred to the Ministry then tabled and approved before it is given to the Courts. The recommendation is that lawyers assist because consultation on the village fono level is different from the legal language used to draft a Bill ensuring that it is accurate and simple. If the village fono decisions are made and these are the witnesses, there will be no inconsistencies and it will be accurate with the assistance of the lawyers.

Also, now the Samoa Land Corporation has shown a profit and I believe it is your encouragement that has resulted in this increase. My recommendation is

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that this is maintained for other public enterprises. The Appropriation is guided by living within our means and what we can accrue and if it is accordance with the plans of the Hon Prime Minister, I believe we have the ability to meet other needs. There are no other comments to the Hon Minister.

Hon Minister of Revenue, I considered other factors to gain revenue as you and the Ministry have exhausted your options because it is not an easy task. We only implement but we rely on the nation to cooperate.

I have in front of me a paper on land tax. Perhaps it is not accepted by others but for the future, it is useful to increase revenue to assist in the preparation of our Appropriation.

Hon Minister of Health, thank you for the Kidney Ward in Savaii. The people I spoke with only have words of praise because before this they had to travel all the way here to Upolu and many are on the waiting list and some pass on waiting and do not return to Savaii so I acknowledge this initiative. I hear there are three patients compared to the many here and they are well in Savaii.

Finally Afioga Magele, the Campus here is almost complete but a campus for Salelologa is reiterated as there is allocated land. There are many students from Savaii travelling here trying to find residence. There are many who do not pass their examinations because of issues that occur as you are aware and perhaps this is a response to this need which will be considered in the future.

That concludes my remarks on the needs of our Constituency.

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Regarding the Appropriation, it is true that we should live within our means. Thank you Hon Prime Minister, I accept this but my question is, how can this statement be true with the Appropriation when I believe honesty is lacking? This is a question I ask myself. How can we live within our means although it feels right when it feels wrong? And if living within our means is to seek glorification, I do not want to be justified. That is a fact as one Member stated; we are suffering at the moment being unable to repay the debts of \$500billion. Thankfully we are now taking remedial measures. We are eager to build developments and answer to the needs as some stated that we should go all out but I am disappointed at such statements. We will not live long, our time will come but thankfully these measures are in place by the Hon Prime Minister to guide the future ensuring certainty that if we make loans, they are allotted to projects of national priority.

To ensure that we live within our means as per the theme of the Appropriation, we should plan out the use of our insufficient funds.

Mr Speaker, that is the contribution of Salega to assist in the Appropriation with certainty that we will cooperate for the future and the benefit of our children, religion and praise to God. Thank you.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you Afioga Afualo. I need not address the honor on you as you were elected to Parliament and the Finance and Expenditure Committee because of the gift you have. The target of what we do is the future generations. Today we build the success of the future of our nation. Thank you.

Afioga Hon Faumuina Liuga, also a Member of the Committee, please stand.

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**Afioga Hon FAUMUINA TIATIA FAAOLATANE LIUGA:** Thank you Mr Speaker as well as the House for your support. Thank you for your patience Mr Speaker in conducting our Meeting. Overall, the Member for Palauli le Falefa supports the Budget. The previous Member that had the floor spoke along the lines of the budget theme to live within our means and I interpret it differently. Mr Speaker, if we read the budget statement by the Hon Prime Minister also the Hon Minister of Finance, we should refer back on the past four years of this Term including this final Budget for the Term. The whole economic growth is 1.9%. In other words, the Financial Year beginning in July this year will see a total economic growth of \$2billion compared to the beginning of the Term when it just passed \$1billion in the year 2001. In 2011 it was \$1.5billion and in this Budget there is an estimated \$100million growth. Within the 5 years, there has been a \$1billion + addition. This means that it depends on funds used to stimulate the economy so that those who live where I was born, who work the land day and night can go to the market and sell to pay bills, find bus fare because sometimes they walk far. That is where the result of these things is seen. Our humor is not important.

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Mr Speaker, our words do not decorate the developments. The challenge as I also heard the Hon Prime Minister state yesterday “The Savaiians should return to Savaii it is a beautiful island”. So I will present the needs of Salafai. Mr Speaker, complete the Salelologa wharf within the next five years. If the wharf is not complete, Salelologa cannot be a hustling and bustling centre because these companies rely on people. The costs of the goods in Apia are 25% cheaper than Savaii. Why? Because there are fewer assets used to calculate the cost of goods. The ships do not want to travel because it is expensive. This is why I request for this first request to complete the Salelologa wharf. The roads within a 200acre radius of Salelologa should be repaired so businesses can operate within the area. Deepen the wharf and harbor at Asau. Those are additional requests. It has been 30 years and there should be available machinery that can widen and deepen the Asau wharf.

Propose the establishment of a cannery at Asau so people in Savaii can remain on their island. I am aware with the challenges we face in Salafai. Many people that live in the town area are beginning to be impacted with the lack of water supply and there is not enough land because of over population. It is better that it is taken back. This is why I support the development of Aleipata. There is foresight and vision for the next 20 to 100 years in the future when there will be results. This is why as a representative of Salafai we develop our island and we can have our own independent Government and they can stay here then there will be two Prime Ministers; one for Savaii and one for Upolu. Renovate the Asau wharf....

**Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi:** Mr Speaker, the Members speech is exceptional. Why not start now with Elections so they can go and we can have space. With respect.

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**MR SPEAKER:** It is as if you are not from Savaii... I call on the Member to continue with his speech.

**Afioga Hon FAUMUINA TIATIA FAAOLATANE LIUGA:** Renovate the Asau wharf and extend the airport in Asau by 800 meters so that a 747-800 vessel can land. Savaii is closer to Australia and New Zealand and it is easier for flights....

**MR SPEAKER:** I beg tolerance of the Hon Member. I give the floor to the Leader of the Opposition for a point that needs clarification.

**Afioga Hon Palusalua Faapo II:** Mr Speaker a point that needs clarification. The Member was the Minister of Finance and he supports the theme "live within our means". There is contradiction in his support of the Appropriation Bill 2015/2016 but he is dishing out so many requests and the Hon Prime Minister will not know where to find the money to implement them? But he was a Minister of Finance.

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**MR SPEAKER:** The Members speech is clear and specific to what we can do. It is a challenge the Member is presenting. I call on the Member to continue your speech.

**Afioga Hon FAUMUINA TIATIA FAAOLATANE LIUGA:** Thank you Mr Speaker. I am surprised at the Leader of the Opposition. He has no vision, he is empty. He stays here in Upolu and we live in Savaii. I was mentioning the next 10-20 years in the future. Savaii, our island will be developed. Extend the Asau airport by 800 meters or 700 so that a 747-800 can land and open international travel for Asau.

Mr Speaker, water supply, is a need in Asau as well as the other side of the island. There is a need so that the water supply can reach the market or the fish cannery and create employment. I know that this will be in the agenda of the Hon Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries so that this dream can be realized. There are two factors that affect the development of Asau, the shallow harbor and the insufficient water supply. The engineer advised me that water supply can be connected from Falealupo then I said that this water would dry up and then he would be unhappy. It is better that we use the water from the other side because we do not know how much water there is here because the matter is worsened with this old man logging around the valley.

These are the needs of Salafai. Tuilaepa, you have heard that we want to go to Savaii and develop it.

**MR SPEAKER:** I beg tolerance of the Member. I call on the Hon Minister of Communication and Information Technology.

**Afioga Hon Tuisugaletaua Sofara Aveau (Minister of Communication and Information Technology):** Mr Speaker, I stand while the Member takes a break from his dreaming. I am concerned at the Member because he is



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requesting for Salafai according to a cloth that we do not have. This is why I am concerned at the remarks of Salafai but at least he has been given a break.

**MR SPEAKER:** I beg leniency, the opportunity will be given to the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure followed by the Hon Minister of Police and Prisons.

**Afioga Hon Manualesagalala Mati Tuigamala Enokati Posala:** Thank you. The Member mentioned the wharf and the water supply which is under my portfolio. As I clarified, there are some issues with the Salelologa wharf. There are difficulties with the land in Savaii. This is the first matter that the Members from Salafai should take care of to be consistent with the programs planned. Even with the water we consulted and this is a difficult issue to resolve because the water drilled from the aquifer is starting to mix and become saline. The concern is that it might not have the capacity to cater to the many in need of water now that the sea water has mixed with the water.

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That is the concern with the boreholes. It is uncertain whether it will have the capacity to supply the people and it will affect health. This is my request to Salafai so that we support each other and it will be easier for the water to be connected in Savaii. We have long wanted to implement the work on the Salelologa wharf but that is the issue. For Upolu it progresses because they work together. That is my assistance on the matter in case you leave it with us but we need to see a united effort.

**Afioga Hon Sala Fata Lisati Pinati (Minister of Police and Prisons):** Thank you for the opportunity. I am also from Savaii. I did not think you were courageous Faumuina. Add Samalaeulu for a road that can host a 747, an airport, golf course and what else you want to request for Savaii I will leave it with you to mention.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, this night is a night of serious dreams and there is nothing wrong with it because everything begins with dreams and in the end, something may come of it. That is how life is. Governments dread the possibility of water drying up, what then? In the near future we will have a desalinization project. There are many countries doing this because of the lack of water available due to deforestation. The increase in population results in more cleared land and buildings being erected removing the trees that are needed to recycle the carbon gases.

We all know the solution to climate change but leaders of the world are afraid of the impacts it would have on peoples lives. Man will be unemployed with the closing of related companies. Countries are now considering desalinizing sea water for consumption.

I heard there was such machinery on island. Nauru has the machinery and I assume this will be the next step for countries that are running out of water because of human activities that have affected Gods creation.

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**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you. I call on the Hon Minister of Women, Community and Social Development.

**Tofa Hon Tolofuaivalelei Falemoe Leiataua (Minister of Women, Community and Social Development):** Thank you Mr Speaker. One essential natural resource is water. There is a man in our village who likes to drink. When his drinking party starts to talk, the man would say 'it is easy to say but hard to do'. This statement is applicable to the comments by the Member from Salafai. It is easy to say, but hard to do. The village of Sili is on the Ministry's list for the independent water scheme. The previous Member left and every effort was made to coax Sili to release the water source to the Government but now he is trying to have authority over other water sources in Savaii instead of offering the water in Sili to supply Savaii. I am sympathetic of the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure.

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This whole year the water was drilled to be metered and after the efforts for the water at Palauli, the Government decided to shift to Faasaleleaga because of this Member – the man from our village is correct, easy to say, hard to do. With respect.

**Afioga Hon Palusalua Faaop II:** I interrupt the Honorable Member. It is true, what is good for Apia is also good for Salafai but what is the reality? You have heard the many improvements needed in Savaii.

**MR SPEAKER:** Continue Member.

**Afioga Hon FAUMUINA TIATIA FAAOLATANE LIUGA:** I am beginning with general matters then I will comment specifically on my Constituency because I am mindful of my island of Savaii as it seems to be ignored. Mr Speaker, if Asau was close to our village of Sili, we would connect it to the cannery. I did not mention the aquifer. I know the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure did not hear me right. I said the first option is Mata o le Alelo in Safune and the second option is Maliolio. This water flows under the sea unless there are trade winds then the water flows above. The river does not flow from rainfall and that is evident of the depth of the river in Maliolio. It is for Asau, Auala, Vaisala, Sataua, Papa and the other side.

This water can supplement the water from Falealupo and the Member will not have to worry even after he has passed on he will be remembered by Falealupo. Thank you Sala for your offer, I did not say anything about digging the aquifer. I understand that the seawater flows and that makes the water salty but the water at Maliolio is the water in your Constituency.

**MR SPEAKER:** I beg tolerance of the Honorable Member while the opportunity is given to the Hon Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.

**Afioga Hon Le Mamea Lemalu Sua Leatuavao Tuiletufuga Ropati Mualia (Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries):** Mr Speaker, before this

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Member, Afioga Afualo spoke saying that I was Moses, a famous man in the Bible that performed miracles and took his people from Egypt to the land of Canaan where the milk and honey flowed. I ask the Member not to name me Moses but give the honor to Faumuina. That is my request.

**MR SPEAKER:** I call on the Member for Gagaifomauga No. 2.

**Tofa Sooalo Mene (Gagaifomauga No. 2):** Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity. I stand because Safune was mentioned in regards to the Mata o le Alelo. I agree with the many developments planned for the future but the only issue is the water for Falealupo that is assumed to dry up and that is the same concern with the Mata o le Alelo in case it also dries up.

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**MR SPEAKER:** I beg tolerance....

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, let me ask, who is the fool that owns the eyes? (*mata o le alelo*).

**MR SPEAKER:** Stand Moses to continue with your speech.

**Afioga Hon FAUMUINA TIATIA FAAOLATANE LIUGA:** Mr Speaker, I request that the title of Moses be left to Le Mamea because I do not have a beard like Moses but Le Mamea does.

The water for Falealupo should not be touched. The engineers say it is sufficient but we should not draw from resources we are uncertain of in terms of supply. The two water supplies I mentioned are a better option. Hon Prime Minister, I do not know who the fool is but it is just the name of the water source.

Mr Speaker, now that the bridge has been approved for Maliolio, there is a need to reconstruct the bridge between Safua and Sapapalii for ease of travel to the hospital and the wharf. Also there is a need for bridges between Sasina and Letui where there is a small ford as well as Sili.

Hon Prime Minister, twice this bridge was mentioned in our Manifesto; the Term before this and the following Term 2016-2021. We should not have little faith and look to the development of Samoa. I mentioned before tourism. At Manase, there should be a buoy just out on their coast where cruise ships can moor and smaller vessels can transport the passengers to the white sandy shore. This part of the island is also suitable because the docking fees at the main wharf are becoming expensive and Savaii is cheaper. Perhaps it will only cost \$5 per vessel. We will receive profit from tourists travelling to shore to swim.

Mr Speaker, I now come to the needs of my Constituency, Palauli le Falefa. Hon Minister of Women, Community and Social Development, an appropriation is mentioned within the Estimates for our independent water scheme for Sili, thank you for acknowledging the request of our village. The water at Sili is very clean and has been certified by the Ministry of Health and it does not need to be tested by SROS.

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For the boreholes, I note also within the Budget an appropriation for the drilling of the water at Gataivai and I am grateful to SWA for these provisions. We are sitting on a water source and yet we do not drink from it as you are all aware, our Constituency is situated on volcanic rock.

For the roads between Vaiala, a sub-village in Gautavai and the old Sili village, they were constructed more than 10 years ago and to date, it has not been repaired. It is an important route during emergencies and it is used by buses to transport students from one side to the other. During heavy rainfall, the residents in the old village cannot cross over to wait for the bus.

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Also, there were two access roads requested Hon Minister and perhaps \$500,000 of your \$4.1m budget can be used for this. I see from the Budget that there is a little there that can be used for the access roads at Sili and Papa. No matter which access road you choose, it will not matter as long as there is no bias.

Hon Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, you are very kind to our Constituency. The support of our Constituency Hon Le Mamea is through our farmers work ethic. This is why I pray to the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure for the access road for Sili. In Sili, it is prohibited to use chemicals, it is organic. This is why I thank the Hon Minister for the support towards the farmers which has resulted in their eagerness to work. If this access road is completed, I know that the containers will be filled every month or two months and will be helpful in trade with the variety 2 taro – this access road is essential.

Hon Minister of Police and Prisons, you are now considering the renovations to the Ministry and I know this will improve the knowledge of the Officers in working together with the Ministry of Education, Sports and Culture in the establishment of the Academy and I will continue to offer recommendations in the establishment of this Academy.

The good thing about this Hon Minister is that Officers will be able to travel overseas and we can attain foreign exchange from this. Not only this, our Officers can request to go on UN Missions where others now work but it will be at a higher level and they can compete for a place in the Missions.

In addition, I am supportive of the establishment of the Maritime Campus. This is why there are many sailors and officers in Kiribati and Tuvalu because they are highly trained and have reached the officer level and thousands work on ships reaping many benefits.

As for the recommendations, they are in the Report after we considered the Budget Estimates and I thank the Hon Prime Minister for the preparation of the Budget.

There are certain measures I believe will help in moving forward and the first recommendation is to the Hon Minister responsible for PSC. Working hours I think is 7 and a half hours or 8 hours daily. We do not need all these working hours, it is too long. It should be reduced by half an hour or an hour, work smarter not harder for we need effectiveness and efficiency. We can be likened to a vehicle, when the petrol is used up, dirt replaces it and the carburetor will be blocked. This is why I recommend to the Hon Minister of

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Commerce, Industry and Labour, you are also from Savaii and we are neighbors, shorten the hours of work. I will mention the savings that will occur; there are two line items in the budget that will be reduced, operating expenses and overheads. If working hours are reduced, air conditions will be shut off, lights, computers, internet and other necessities will not be used longer for we are human beings. If the hours are reduced by 30 minutes this is 2 hours and a half during the week, 130 hours of the year and if you calculate that in funds, this will not mean the salary will be reduced. It will not....

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**MR SPEAKER:** I beg tolerance of the Member for the interjection by the Member for Aleipata Itupa i Lalo.

**Afioga Tafua Maluelue Tafua:** Mr Speaker, I beg tolerance as I do not mean to interrupt the wonderful speech by the Honorable Member. You mentioned PSC but I know that there is a functional review by PSC currently underway. In this Budget as well as the past four Budgets, apart from developments, public servants salaries are another huge expenditure. Operating expenses and others are not that much, with respect. Thank you.

**MR SPEAKER:** I call on the Member to continue.

**Afioga Hon FAUMUINA TIATIA FAAOLATANE LIUGA:** Thank you to the Honorable Member for the interjection. That is my request which will not interfere with the salaries only the reduction of working hours by half an hour or by one hour when work will be completed before the end of the day. I am speaking of how I work.

No matter how much work I have on my desk, I can go through it in four to five hours and then I have time to relax which means I can play golf and the day would not be near to its finish time.. If you stay long in the Office, you waste air condition, lights and other things such as stationary. If you save time by 10%, funds will be saved.

Also, the parking meters in the town area.

**MR SPEAKER:** I beg leniency of the Member, I give the opportunity for the interruption by the Hon Minister of Communications and Information Technology.

**Afioga Hon Tuisugaletaua Sofara Aveau:** Mr Speaker, thank you. The Members speech is relevant however I wish to comment on one matter, how can you reduce working hours and not reduce a person's salary? Perhaps the Member would kindly explain because if you reduce working hours, you also reduce salaries.

**MR SPEAKER:** In the interest of time, I call on Tofa Lealailepule.

**Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi:** Mr Speaker, I wish to offer assistance. Last month, Japan passed a law that it is compulsory for all public servants to take their leave. All those in the Executive level are disallowed from taking

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overtime, and work is reduced by one hour, meaning you work seven hours a day so actually you only have four working days. What I am saying is that I support the Member that has the floor because it is dependent on the global situation. This is what developed countries are heading towards. Since we were born, we eat in the morning, afternoon and evening. Samoa has only one time to eat which is morning or noon. We know too that there are 8 working hours. Why? I do not know? Thank you.

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**MR SPEAKER:** I will give the opportunity to share the wisdom.

**Tofa Hon Tolofuaivalelei Falemoe Leiataua:** Thank you. Mr Speaker and Members of the House, it is good that we share. We are trying to encourage our employees to have integrity. What Faumuina is suggesting, will only encourage corrupt working behavior. Why would you lock the Office and go play golf? Is that appropriate? It is inappropriate, it is a bad example. Those who read the Bible should walk in its teachings; it is theft with respect of the House.

**MR SPEAKER:** In case there is a difference....

**Afioga Hon FAUMUINA TIATIA FAAOLATANE LIUGA:** This is what happens when those who are saved talk with those who are not saved.

**MR SPEAKER:** Be forgiving.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neiote Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, there is a chief in our village named Fiaai, the time has long passed.

**MR SPEAKER:** I beg tolerance of the Member, I will give the opportunity. Make it short Palu.

**Afioga Hon Palusalua Faapo II:** I will be brief. Thank you Faamuina because these are reforms that we should consider. Even though it is shortened, it is enough time.

Also Leala, I think Faumuina knows our manifest. What Faumuina has also spoke of for Savaii, it seems Faumuina is aware of it with respect.

**MR SPEAKER:** I beg tolerance Faumuina, I call on the Hon Minister of Communication and Information Technology.

**Afioga Hon Tuisugaletaua Sofara Aveau:** Thank you for my opportunity. At least we have heard the manifest of the Opposition. This manifest that says employees salaries will not be deducted. How can this be if the hours are to be reduced by an hour or half an hour?

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neiote Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, I stand because the manifestos are now being clarified.

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**MR SPEAKER:** I now announce that the Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly will be set aside for its usual evening recess.

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*Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly were set aside at 6.49pm and resumed at 7.31pm.*

**MR SPEAKER:** I believe we have been satisfied with the meal and gained strength from it. Honorable Members of Parliament, I congratulate you on your patience. I think we do not have long to go. Perhaps there are only two or three Members left to take the floor. Before our recess, the Member for Palauli le Falefa was just concluding his speech. I call on the Member to continue and conclude your remarks.

**Afioga Hon FAUMUINA TIATIA FAAOLATANE LIUGA:** Thank you Mr Speaker. Because a Minister mentioned that the reduction of salaries is thievery. I used to do this, realigning salaries and the classification of outputs. Salaries are not dependent on the person but the product. The work you implement that is what it is dependent on. The reduced hours are not important, it is that the work allotted is complete.

What I am saying Mr Speaker, when we are talking about exhaustion it leads to low efficiency adding costs and no value. You are able to complete work in six to seven hours and you go home and spend time with family or grow crops and make use of your evening. When you stay in the Office, there are only two things that can happen, wasting electricity and wasting stationary. If you knock out early, you enjoy going home early.

**MR SPEAKER:** Apologies Hon Minister I give the floor first to the Hon Prime Minister.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** Regarding Government policies, there are two in relation to work; first contract work which does not prioritize time rather the completion of the work. Contract work such as for construction work. The hours of work is not the key rather it is that the work is completed within the time allotted. Second, is the time. This is where there is confusion, the line between contract work and work dependent on time.

**MR SPEAKER:** I call on the Hon Minister of Women, Community and Social Development.

**Tofa Hon Tolofuaivalelei Falemoe Leiataua:** A point of order because there is a mix up with the remarks that if the hours are reduced, the salaries will also be reduced and it is thievery. The Hon Ministers comments are different to the matter regarding working hours and cutting salaries. This means they will not have the full salary because there is a reduction by the

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hour or half an hour. What I mean is disloyalty. I have worked for more than 10 years as an inspector for the Ministry of Labour and I know a bit of this work.

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I was the Deputy President for the Public Servants Association. I know about this because most of my working life was in the Government from 1970 until 1995 after which I was successful in the Elections in 1996. This is the result of working and possessing knowledge. I am a professor at what I know. What you come with from America and the United Nations is different from what we have here in Samoa. That is why you should be where I work. If you leave the workplace for duty reasons, it is important. You know the GPS that is used in cars, it is very important. When Corporations utilized it they found that many of the staff leisurely waste their time. When they should be visiting sites at Aleipata, the GPS shows they are in Falelatai. See what they have created to ensure honesty. What you stated encourages lies and thievery of time. This is why you should not be led on by the Tautua Manifesto with respect.

**Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi:** Mr Speaker, the Hon Minister is correct. It was a long time ago I saw the Hon Minister roaming around with a red suit and tie, the Hon Prime Minister is aware. He is commenting from a regulatory standpoint. What the Member is mentioning is operation; there is a difference because you have control over the flexibility of time. The Hon Prime Minister mentioned output performance. If you speak of the regulatory role there is a difference with the operation role.

**MR SPEAKER:** I believe this issue has been explained and the Hon Prime Minister clarified the matter. There are two factors; contract and hourly work. I call on the Hon Minister of Women, Community and Social Development.

**Tofa Hon Tolofuaivalelei Falemoe Leiataua:** I beg tolerance of the House. These things happen. Listening to the Member for Faleata West, I remember the advertisement on television about the man who was eager for honesty. A man asked him to come and take something and he replied, the only thing it would lead to is confusion.

**Afioga Hon FAUMUINA TIATIA FAAOLATANE LIUGA:** Mr Speaker, the Hon Minister has just contradicted himself. This is what I meant by efficiency using GPS as a means of efficient use of assets. He is not aware of the International organizations where I classified work outputs. The Hon Prime Minister explained contract. In any workplace or organization there are professional and support staff. The support staff supports the professional staff. The professional staff stays long and so does the support staff but what I am saying is reduce working hours to ensure efficiency. This is why there were many errors in the budget, the staff are tired.

**MR SPEAKER:** I deem it clarified but I will give the floor to the Hon Minister of Communication and Information Technology.



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**Afioga Hon Tuisugaletaua Sofara Aveau:** Thank you. Just an additional assistance, support staff are also professionals, accountants are support staff but they are also professionals in case their service is being belittled.

**Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II:** Mr Speaker, I am sympathetic of the Member and his speech. They do not understand what you are commenting about. Take it easy and you can comment on it at another time and explain it to the Hon Minister and that side.

**MR SPEAKER:** I deem the matter understood.

**Afioga Hon FAUMUINA TIATIA FAAOLATANE LIUGA:** I wish to touch on the matter of accountants, they are professionals not supporting staff. Secretariat staff, those are the support staff but accountants are professionals.

Mr Speaker, this is enough. I am grateful to the Hon Prime Minister and the Hon Minister of Finance, Deputy Prime Minister and Cabinet Ministers and whoever else I have failed to mention, my gratitude is extended to you all. May the Lord grant you all health and heal any illnesses....

**MR SPEAKER:** Member for Siumu, this is a professional that is standing?

**Tofa Hon Tuuu Anasii Leota (Siumu):** Mr Speaker, I do not wish to talk on this matter. There is also no intention to interrupt the Members speech. I stand because this entire day I have listened to Members talk and express gratitude for their roads and yet I sit here without a road that has been done. I thank the Members that have the floor for mentioning funds that can be used for the roads. I request to the Member that if there are funds, be sympathetic of my road. With respect.

**Afioga Hon FAUMUINA TIATIA FAAOLATANE LIUGA:** He is pleading with me but he should plea with the manifesto. Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure, personality helps.

**Tofa Hon Tuuu Anasii Leota:** I tried with the Hon Minister from the beginning in 2011 until now, I pleaded and begged so now I will pray silently. I beg tolerance of the Hon Minister with hopes he will sympathize with my Constituency, thank you.

**MR SPEAKER:** Give up your road to the Lord Honorable Member for Siumu. I call on the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure.

**Afioga Hon Manualesagalala Enokati Posala:** Mr Speaker, there is a saying, instead of rocks, coral is used. These two matters are poles apart. You can pull a horse to water but you cannot make it drink. The funds are not even \$5million but there is maintenance of the roads and other programs nowhere near completion.

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This is why I am grateful to the Member for Sagaga le Falefa stating that loans should be done. This is the only way that we can have our roads constructed otherwise I do not know where we can attain funds to construct it.

**MR SPEAKER:** Member for Siumu, the matter is clear. We are taking backward steps. The Hon Minister has heard your request and hopefully it will be done soon.

**Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II:** Mr Speaker, the accusations against this side are serious. Listen to the theme of this Budget “live within your means”. There are no loans mentioned, which means you have not accepted the vision and wisdom of the Hon Prime Minister. This means you are opposing the Main Estimates? This is the cause of our divisions because we should support the Hon Minister and his Budget Speech on the Appropriation Bill 2015/2016. This side is not in opposition to loans but it should be planned well such as this Budget.

**MR SPEAKER:** The Finance and Expenditure Committee are experts in financial matters.

**Afioga Hon Manualesagalala Mati Tuigamala Enokati Posala:** There is a huge difference with what I was trying to explain. We should improve our developments. There should be a balance.

**Tofa Hon Tuuu Anasii Leota:** Mr Speaker, I support doing loans and when done we should fix our roads. Thank you.

**MR SPEAKER:** Conclude your speech Member for Palauli le Falefa.

**Afioga Hon FAUMUINA TIATIA FAAOLATANE LIUGA:** Thank you Mr Speaker. I will touch on my Constituency dear to me. I acknowledge Susuga Leaso Tupai, Susuga Niulala Kupa, the synod in Savaii East and all the clergy within the Constituency.

I greet the honorific salutations of my Constituency in its entirety, thank you for your prayers and support which has resulted in the success of your humble servants service. Thank you Mr Speaker, God bless this Meeting.

**MR SPEAKER:** I extend my gratitude to the Member for Palauli le Falefa for your words of wisdom and caution. I know that there is no person in Savaii that has not heard your speech this evening. The only thing is for the Airport not to be located in Samalaeulu but Aopo and Asau are sufficient for a large airport.

Member for Faleata West, you are the final member of the Finance and Expenditure Committee who will be followed by the Deputy Leader and Leader of the Opposition before the Chairperson of the Committee.

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**Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI:** I am thankful Mr Speaker for the important opportunity offered for this Constituency. This is the exact time I wanted to speak. When all of Samoa are in their homes, after their evening prayers and the daily chores are done and now they are listening in when the Member for Faleata West is making his speech.

Hon Prime Minister and that side of the House, we are nearing to the end of this Term and these are rare opportunities. One elderly Member of Parliament told me, if you do not make a speech, we are not important because you should remember that Samoa in its entirety are listening in. The daily verse for today is relevant to our parliamentary work; it is related to the duties of the Government. Why? A Samoan wakes up every morning and thank God for the new day and the renewed strength. Before going to sleep at night, thanks also given to God for His grace and protection throughout the day. This is the foundation of every Samoan family, village and this Parliament which has resulted in the stability of this Government. When we have a Meeting, there are prayers even to this time, why? Because the success of Samoa stems from this Malae, the guiding star that shines daily for Samoa, we are blessed by it....

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, the night is still on but if he could raise his voice a little because this Side cannot hear him.

**Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI:** As I said, this is the exact time that I wanted to make my speech. Everyone has eaten, no one is tired and my voice is starting off soft and it is not yet time for it to heat up. But thank you Hon Prime Minister. I humbly greet the Hon Prime Minister, Cabinet Ministers and Members of that Side. I greet also the Leader and Deputy Leader and Members of this Political Party.

I greet also His Highness, O Le Ao o le Malo and Masiofo and the dignity of Samoa and its traditional setup. To the Clergy, as well as the Constituency of Faleata West listening in Samoa, I acknowledge your support this year. The general view is that this life is a journey. Are we not lucky to be part of history of our journey as leaders of Samoa? Now as we near the end of the Term, we have a different view and our speeches are structured differently. I recall the past 4 years, our contributions and the important matters that led to us into the Parliament of Samoa. We are not the only ones who are looking back, so as our Constituencies and Samoa, whether it is worthwhile to elect us back or not. We are sitting here and the voters are out there trying for their Candidates in the Election and that is their right. The Member that remains in faith will be chosen by our Heavenly Father and he has nothing to worry about. When they sleep at night they are happy and have ready their new suit for the swearing in next year.

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I first commend the Government for the great work they have done. You step out and walk on a tar sealed road, you turn on your tap and there is water, you switch on your light and it comes on, you take your children to a school and go to a hospital. All of this is for us. I also thank this side, to the Leader of the Opposition, well done for your work and cooperation with the Government. The belief is that the Government is strengthened with a strong Opposition. Within this Parliamentary Term 2011-2015, 133 Bills were passed and it is no minor feat and I recognize and express gratitude that we are able to handle this work.

Thank you Clerk of the Legislative Assembly and the Office, despite their not being much funds, I believe that it will go a long way in assisting with Parliamentary Committee and the work of Parliament. Thank you for the work in this Constituency; roads, electricity, water, thank you for the water projects in Falelauniu and Vaitele Fou that has just completed phase 1 and moving on to phase 2. Thank you for the water supply with both sides now drilled and this is important because the road is not being cut for the pipes to cross over the road. These are the infrastructural works that I must acknowledge. Thank you to the businesses, shops, industries, banks and all the developments in our Constituency. I am grateful for the plans to relocate the Prison which is important and land has been allocated. Thank you also for the cemetery.

Moving forward, there is a Government proposal for a wharf at Vaiusu perhaps in the near future this development will be implemented. Additional proposals, I wish to note the four-lane that is continued to Vaitele which will ease transport and the schools which is supported by the Ministry of Education, Sports and Culture. It is necessary to establish a new school within the Constituency. Not only a Primary School but a Secondary School also. In addition, the road for Falelauniu has been consulted on with LTA. This road should be repaired and left under the supervision of the LTA. Thankfully Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure the residential area is ok and there is water and electricity, but there is a big problem with the roads. Please consider this because the population is increasing especially along the Toamua road. Hon Minister, this road was in the list from the beginning of this Term, leave it there and hopefully it will be done soon. These works and developments I am grateful for especially the support of this Constituency.

Now I come to the Appropriation Bill 2015/2016. I first thank the Leader of the Opposition for appointing me to be on this important Committee which has helped me understand the preparation of the Budget in all its aspects. Personally, I have learnt many lessons and understood much which has enabled me to do my own research, review and assess each Ministries performance and I can easily tell the Ministry that is moving forward and the Ministry that is moving backward or the Ministry that is static. The Appropriation Bill 2015/2016 has been considered by the Committee and I will not touch on it again. As is with life and a vehicle, when the road is smooth, they shift to high gear and if the road is in poor condition, then it is shifted to low gear. The car speed is adjusted to the condition of the road and the Budget is adjusted according to the national economic state.

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The normal challenges are the same since I entered Parliament with employment, cost of living, electricity, roads, water and I believe with the

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new Term these will be the same challenges. Loans cannot be avoided but this side has given its caution that loans are dependent on the ability to repay, and the economic situation. Other Members stated that we should make loans. I apologize but these are very inconsiderate speeches. There is no one that does not want developments in their Constituency but it should be implemented on the ability to maintain it. There is only one recommendation in my overview of the Budget. Personally, there are many Ministries that are process driven. For many years our Budget was output driven so the recommendation is that if there is a need for change, it should be done immediately. The Bill is only a guide but when something is seen that needs to be changed, our task is to recommend the Government to adjust and change legislation because there is a change in the times. Change things to be simpler and do not be afraid to make the recommendation using the wisdom you have in leading the Ministry. I am saddened because many quote legislation but they are not written in stone. How many legislation can be changed. It is a general recommendation to the Government Ministries for the future. This is my view after working with the Budget.

As I said, my speech is not new but I remind the Government of things I have been knocking about during the 4 past years. For the matters that have been responded to, I am grateful. There are some other matters and perhaps there is a time in the remainder of the Term when they can be implemented.

Deputy Prime Minister, I spoke about the wholesaler and retailer legislation and I am uncertain as to the status of this legislation. If it is to be implemented, I am grateful but only a reminder....

**Tofa Hon Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Laufo (Deputy Prime Minister):** I thank the Member for mentioning the legislation. This is currently with the Office and the translation to Samoan is probably underway. Perhaps in the next Sitting it will be tabled in the House for consideration but it is relevant as I have mentioned it too and it has been a while since the Bill was being prepped because of some complications faced.

**Tofa LEALALEPULE RIMONI AIAFI:** Thank you. See how good it is to ask questions. For another matter, child labor or those children that are selling on the roads. The Ministry of Education, Sports and Culture stated that the legislation is specific to school hours. Your Ministry Deputy Prime Minister stated that you are the formal sector and do not handle this. This is the same with the CRC legislation. It is better that the legislation be reviewed and amend this part because despite the many good things we have, when I stop the car to buy some food in the town area, children come running with goods to sell and it has its impacts – a legislation should be established to provide for this issue.

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Perhaps you recall that I made a recommendation during the consideration of the Compulsory Education law that the age should be increased to 16-18 years because 14 years is too young.

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In addition, the cost of setting up a business in Samoa should be considered. The only thing I am emphasizing, if these people come with lots of money why not establish a fund. In the list, if the money is not put into the Development Bank, start a fund just for development purposes. Use their money to fund developments prioritized by Government and where the money should be used and invested and gain interest.

Also Mr Speaker, I must make mention of this. Myself and my Constituency have witnessed the increase in Asian run businesses within the Constituency. I am not worried about the people and the money and new businesses but when they compete with our people, it is difficult to accept. You are also aware as a businessman. Review and monitor the situation because they start one shop and not long after, there are two, three, four additional shops owned by one person. I need not say as we all live in Samoa but it must be considered for the future.

Hon Prime Minister, also the Minister of Finance, thank you for the appropriation for the Regional Insurance Scheme which is important. We are well aware that our country and other Pacific Islands are affected by natural disasters. Perhaps we can consider increasing this. The only cover that we have is \$40million but when a disaster occurs it seldom costs less than \$200million. This could be reviewed as I understand there is assistance from Japan.

Hon Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, we need not praise your work for we have all witnessed it and I congratulate you. Political stability goes hand in hand with economic stability. When secondary industries delay, we return to prioritizing the primary industry which is agriculture. The secondary industry cannot strengthen if we do not have a stable agricultural sector. If we want to export, we cannot if we cannot satisfy the markets. The challenge you may face in the future is subsidizing of imports. About \$400million is expended on imports each year. \$100million or \$150million can be put aside to develop businesses and agricultural products. Thank you again for the work that has been implemented as well as improvements.

Hon Minister of Health, there are many challenges that we witness each day. I believe that the key to medical work is diagnosing patients. The question is whether we are close to receiving the CT scan as well as the equipment for the lab. There are still patients that are being taken to New Zealand. This is why I believe that diagnosis should be done in Samoa. This is the key because this is why many illnesses become worse because the diagnosis is incorrect. I leave that with you Hon Minister. Thankfully I have seen in the newspaper that peanut butter and other products are being banned by the Ministry labeling them unfit for consumption. There should be a compulsory testing of these imported products.

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I now come to the primary health sector. I hear that private doctors are no longer conducting mobile clinics. I believe that this service should be continued. If it was beneficial in the past, why is it being stopped? And you can concentrate your strength on the hospital at Motootua. Our performance should be merged and the private doctors continue in the rural areas.

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Regarding the Diabetes Clinic; I ask myself, we have agreed to tax cigarettes and alcohol, what percentage of the population are ill because of these products? I believe that many of the diseases are food related.

Hon Minister of Communication and Information Technology, welcome home from overseas dealing with other work. I need not mention the internet costs that I have been persistent on since the beginning. Thankfully we will now wait for the new Marine Cable that will help us. My question is regarding the Broadband. The investment by our Government was \$40million and it is important. There is great potential for this but I believe it cannot be fully utilized within the Government Ministries. Also internet cannot be used without a firewall but if this project opens up the internet everything will be simpler and costs will be reduced. Those are just reminders because your responsibility is important and the progress of education and medicine depends on it for simplification of the work.

To the Hon Minister of Work, Transport and Infrastructure, thank you for the work implemented. Last year, I emphasized in my speech the salary scale and the differences. The Budget last year had a different scale for the Principal level for the PSC, and I questioned the integrity of this because I think that there should not be any difference with other Government Ministries. You mentioned not long ago, one rule for all that everyone is equal and there is one legislation that governs all public servants. Now, this Budget has been tabled and not only is still the same but Treasury has been added and it seems to me personally like a backdoor deal. Like the conversation was just between the two but what of the other Ministries? Is that honesty? This should be reviewed Hon Minister because it is unacceptable and dishonest in my belief to have a different grade for the Principal level of PSC and Treasury and the Principal level in the other Ministries.

For appointments of the CEO and ACEO in my opinion, we have passed the legislation and argued about it. The CEO appointment is the responsibility of the Cabinet and should not be interviewed in my opinion. After the short list, send the list to the Cabinet and they will appoint because that person is the one that you will be working with. There are no complaints because the CEO is the Ministers CEO and no one else need interview the person except the person that will be working with and reviewing their performance during the three years term. I personally think the CEO position is a leadership position in the Government and it should be similar with Parliamentarians and they should sit here for three years and observe the processes and what to do. It is not being bias it is done in other countries and it is in our labour law.

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When someone from overseas comes to run, they have a Chairman, Manager, Technical advisor, financial controller but for other positions, they can be filled with the locals. That is my personal opinion and we have many educated people.

As for ACEOs, I know that there is a process. But personally there should be a right of appeal such as is offered to other employees. It should be given to rush the process because at the moment, some people are suddenly terminated

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without any purpose. I am surprised that there are annual reviews, return reviews and other reviews and PSC and the CEO sees their performance, and sees that their performance does not measure up to the performance indicators.

Some Members mentioned a major restructuring with the PSC and the Chairperson. What is the status of this? I wish to have an explanation. Also the salary tribunal, there is so much being expended each year but this used to be the function of the PSC.

Concerning the Elections that we are heading to soon in the New Year. First, thank you for considering the request of this Constituency Hon Prime Minister and Chairperson of the Committee as well as all the Members. There has been a lot of uncertainty and confusion about what will happen to the electorates as was mentioned by the Member for Vaimauga and this is the same concern from my Constituency. For your information, to date, if you want to transfer to the urban roll, the registration still has not opened. Vaimauga has only just been opened and Faleata in July which means there are only four months to do the registration work because it will be closed on November 4<sup>th</sup>. When we speak of transition, it should be carefully considered because this is a major change to the electoral rolls. If the candidates for the Urban seat try to register their children, siblings or relatives, it will be illegal which means they will be illegally registered within this period. Regarding kinship, the explanation was, if I was a matai, my son can vote for me but not my sons child meaning my grandchild. How is that possible? How can it be defined as such when kin does not only apply to only my son but my entire family? Also, if a Member shows up with people they have served, remembering that one of the main requirements for elections is service which is necessary as a matai, these people render service to me but they are not allowed just kinship. Which is then used?

Also the spouses, there was a recommendation that they could vote for the matai. This is a ridiculous legislation where your spouse cannot vote for you? This should be reviewed Hon Minister for the future especially now when there is no Member that is not dealing with this. This current legislation has been the same for three or four elections. The Office told me that it is not their fault and that it is us who makes decisions. Since 2011 till April 2015, the Constituency of Faleata West had registered voters of about 140,000. Many people in Samoa only want to vote for their relative or someone they like but most only register and do not vote because it is not compulsory.

Hon Minister of Police and Prisons, as I said....

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**Afioga Hon Palusalua Faapo II:** Mr Speaker, let the Member for Faleata West rest. What you are speaking about is important about the Elections but I do not see the Hon Minister present. But I beseech Hon Prime Minister, prioritize this because we are all affected.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neiotti Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, there is nothing to be worried about. Even if the Hon Minister is absent we are listening. Remember that a person speaks on



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their own self interest. We know the Member for Faleata West is speaking on what is beneficial for the country as a whole.

**Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI:** Thank you Leader of Opposition for that break. See now that the Hon Prime Minister is very much awake and is listening to my important speech. Thank you Leader of Opposition but please do not interrupt I did not mention our manifesto.

Hon Minister of Police and Prisons, I am grateful for these plans. Last Saturday I witnessed a disturbing sight in town and I cried as I went home after watching a disturbing brawl and thankfully the Fire Emergency and Police sprayed the crowd of disrespectful youth with the fire hoses....

**Afioga Hon Faumuina Tiatia Faaolatane Liuga:** Mr Speaker, they mentioned that it is their manifesto that the Member for Faleata West shared with me. It is not their manifesto, it is our own manifesto that was written a long time ago with all due respect.

**MR SPEAKER:** I call on the Member to conclude his speech.

**Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI:** Thank you Hon Minister of these two Ministries for Saturday. The youth nowadays have strayed if only there was something stronger to teach them a lesson. I am grateful that the problem was solved with the cooperation of the Fire Emergency and the Police. Concerning the escaped prisoners, the Prisons stated that the profiling of prisoners and taking photos is the task of the Police. What has happened is when the photos are sought after, there are none and they have requested a IT division to take photos and it is cheaper to use the broadband to access immigration and other sources. It will also simplify the broadcasting of when they escape as well as informing the public when they are found because they only broadcast when they escape but never if they are found.

**MR SPEAKER:** You have 5 minutes.

**Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI:** Mr Speaker, that 5 minutes is a lot. As some other Members mentioned, no one will win with what we are doing now but that is not important to me. What I value is that I made a contribution while I sat in the Seat of this Constituency.

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My dearest Constituency, thank you for your support. We do not know the truth of the elections whether it is traditional or urban, the most important thing is that we have equal opportunity to chose a candidate whether they run in Faleata West or the Urban and do not mind where I choose to run from but let us pray to God for His guidance and spirit and that will be our choice.

Mr Speaker, thank you for your wise guidance. This Parliament is harmonious because of you for you have the wisdom. Thank you. If I had a thousand votes, I would give them all to you.

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**MR SPEAKER:** You have taken many of my people Member for Faleata West. Conclude your speech.

**Tofa LEALAI PULE RIMONI AIAFI:** Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet, I acknowledge your patience. What requests and advice, complaints and cautions mentioned they are all part of our time in Parliament but everything is well.

Thank you Leader of the Opposition and Deputy Leader for your work. Samoa is beginning to hear our manifesto. To everyone in service for the success of Samoa, God bless you all.

Thank you for my opportunity.

**MR SPEAKER:** I congratulate the Member for Faleata West for his speech. Let us pray to God so there is use for all that seek Him. All these pictures as you see are on our website. If you see the line of staff, they have uploaded the video clips of our Meeting for the world to see. They are not only there for show. For your information our website is [www.parliament.gov.ws](http://www.parliament.gov.ws) and you will see our outreach program.

We have come to the final duo this evening followed by the Chairperson of the Committee then the Government will respond. I call on one of the veteran Members of Parliament who was also Speaker. I call on the Deputy Leader of the Opposition also the Member for Falealupo.

**Afioga Hon AEAU PENIAMINA LEAVASEETA (Falealupo):** Mr Speaker, with all due respect I stand in front of the Parliament of the Independent State of Samoa and greet the Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet and all the Members of Parliament. This is the Meeting with the final Appropriation for this Term therefore it is important. The opportunity is vital because it is rare for Members to share. We reminisce through what we came through and how we journeyed through the five years of this Term. I feel it is necessary to shorten an hour for our speech to seven minutes as the House has become weary.

I humbly ask the House as I first address my Constituency because this is our first duty. I greet you all in your honorific salutations; *Afio o le Tupu na Faanonofono ia Auvaa, le mamalu i le Usoalii ae tainane le tapuaiga i le Toafa ma Siliialaei*. I congratulate you for your support and encouragement and we will meet later for I can never forget you.

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Now to our order of the day, I cannot forget the Ministers. This Constituency expresses its gratitude as we continue to see the work implemented even within the five years, our requests were answered. We will complete this Term with some requests. Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure, thank you for the roads but as you are aware, there is a road near the coast which is well traveled by tourists but it is not entirely good because it is only a mile and it is not tarred. If you take a look at it, it has no tar.

As for our access roads as you are aware, Falealupo Tai may be impacted by climate change and it was repaired so thank you. If there was an emergency we would be able to have refuge. The only problem is that it should be

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repaired for ease of travel. Falealupo does not moan for much. But gratitude is expressed for helping this Constituency. We have another request and the reason I mention this is because of things that happen. Falealupo Tai if you recall is in danger. We researched ways so we would be safe and the solution that was found by those that researched the matter said that a seawall is needed. With respect, it is necessary because there are priceless sites such as Vae o Moso, Inailau a Tamaitai which are valuable and should not be lost. Our request is for a seawall because our lands are being impacted and we have seen projects in other villages and Falealupo would like the same. That is all that needs improvement Hon Minister because water, schools and electricity are efficient, well done for everything.

We now come to the matter that we are extremely grateful for Hon Prime Minister which will forever be imprinted in our minds because we are proud of it. It was the SIDS Conference when we were heavy laden but I am proud of it because the world knew that Samoa is a hospitable country. This is an unforgettable event within this 5 year Term and Falealupo cannot forget it also. What problems there were, we could not have foreseen because this is the first time we hosted such an event. As for the Report from the Auditor General, this is the only reason I will leave this Term disappointed. Why? Because it was left unanswered.

The difficulty is that there is nothing being done about it and that saddens this man from Falealupo. Who else is better to handle this? It is Parliament. Is it being handled? No. That is the speech Mr Speaker. I leave it at that. The country trusts us with our responsibility. Now we are nearing the end of the Term and I do not want to be involved in this.

Mr Speaker, we are all equal in that we were chosen to be here to do good and great things for our country. Praise the Lord for our works. May He wrap us in His loving arms and guide this Parliament to carry out His work. God bless you Mr Speaker and this Parliament. Soifua.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you Deputy Leader of the Opposition. The House has heard and you are a veteran Member. I believe it is recorded in our Parliamentary records throughout the years you have served in Parliament even as Speaker.

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We have now come to the Leader of the Opposition; please stand to continue your speech and then the Chairperson will be given the floor.

**Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II:** I stand with all due respect. The House has been addressed and it remains the same, as is with the support of Samoa from the mountains to the shore. I stand with respect Mr Speaker. The shadow cabinet has made their speeches and there is nothing that we have not touched on for the consideration of the Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet and that side as we work together on our boat that we build together with one vision, the success of Samoa. If a person succeeds, they live happily. When they have money, they are grateful but when they are poor they want for everything. That is the role of every Government. Our duty is the success of the Samoan people. There are some that are rich and some are affected. What

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are we to do, there is only one reply, one judge of things, is the country happy or in want? Property is taken and employment, is that the response to the country. Yes. The only vital thing to Samoa is that there is food and there is no hunger. This side is grateful Hon Minister of Agriculture because there is no hunger. We are encouraging the Government to work.

The thing is Mr Speaker, I sit and think about the motto of that side that what is good for Apia is good for the rural areas and good for Savaii. What a nice motto. But I witnessed as I travel in the rural areas and Savaii, that is the proof of our work.

**MR SPEAKER:** I beg tolerance of the Member while you have a break.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** Are you standing now to say that the development of the country is not good? You have been to Savaii and some families have two cars which is what you were opposed to. You cannot develop families and a nation without roads to sow land, go to church and take children to schools. Is that not what this side is doing? Is it not what we did together because the Budget is tabled and passed in this Parliament. It is not only this side that is noted for this, we are doing it together. What are you doing? You are belittling yourself and this Parliament? What is happening? We hear of patients being sent overseas because they are ill. From what? Food, so much food but it was not like that 20-30 years ago. Perhaps you were overseas when people were fighting for herring boxes. In 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982 there were only chicken bones. You were probably overseas and we were here when it was only chicken bones and chicken backs for food.

This is why the public servants marched because they could not have a salary increase. How then can you speak like that? Only a person that has eyes but cannot see, one who has ears but cannot hear.

**MR SPEAKER:** I call on the Leader of Opposition.

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**Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II:** I did not secede because I did not want to import vehicles, it was the way you handled it, alone, to the shock of the Party. I did not leave because I was against importing vehicles.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** Were you in the Cabinet? There was nothing of the sort especially with every legislation passed by Cabinet. Even the five Constitutional Amendments were passed by Cabinet. What did you do instead? You stood and said that this was a legislation I did alone? Palu, you were in Cabinet for a long time and this means that the entire time you were in Cabinet, you did not understand the process. No law can be tabled without it first being passed by Cabinet. After a matter is discussed, the Cabinet discusses it with the Party. I know exactly the reason why you left and it was not for that reason.

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**MR SPEAKER:** I call on the Leader of Opposition.

**Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II:** Mr Speaker, the Lord is the judge because the reason why I left was not that. I no longer trusted you as my leader. That was why I left.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** Yes, you were the only one but the rest of the Party trusted me. You were the only one that left and complained. One Member spoke to you and you complained and shrugged? That is how this Party is, you are free to enter and leave if you want.

**MR SPEAKER:** I believe it is understood.

**Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II:** Mr Speaker, the Hon Prime Minister is quick to reply but my speech will eventually tie into the Budget.

**MR SPEAKER:** Comment now on the Budget.

**Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II:** The theme is, live within your means. It is based from an insufficient distribution. Lots of funds were expended on the tsunami which is the norm; natural disasters like cyclones caused the insufficient distribution. It is in the speech, read it in detail. Remember Mr Speaker, it is not only expenditure, there are millions that were received in assistance for natural disasters we faced.

**MR SPEAKER:** I give the opportunity.

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**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, point of order. It should be made easy to understand. It is used to do projects such as when you go to Safata, note how smooth the road from Tiavi to Siumu is? It is very smooth. When the funds are expended and the projects completed, then there are no more funds. That is how it is. This is why I said yesterday, you cannot have a piece of the cake and eat it too. You have to choose; you cannot eat the piece of cake and still expect it to be there after. That is how it is with projects, when the funds are expended, and the project realized, the funds are finished. It is not hard to understand; even a child that has not gone to school will understand it well. That is the case with soft loans from overseas, when they are expended on the purpose they were received for, that is the end.

**Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II:** Why did Vi cry after boarding the Eneli ferry?

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**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, there is no plan that is stable. You heard some Members say that they have sent their requests because after that is solved, the Government continues with other projects. This is why our work depends on our revenue. From where? One, our usual revenue, second from overseas grants and third soft term loans. That is the fact, but it seems even this explanation is not understood.

**MR SPEAKER:** I call on the Leader of Opposition.

**Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II:** Mr Speaker, before the explanation I understood.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** That is incorrect, that is not mentioned here. That is what I am clarifying.

**Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II:** There is \$96million more in the expenditure than ordinary revenue.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** But you still did not understand.

**MR SPEAKER:** We have come to our recess and I think we should have a break and have tea. I announce that the Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly are set aside for the usual recess.

*Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly were set aside at 9.00pm and resumed at 9.34pm.*

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**MR SPEAKER:** I offer my gratitude at this hour of the evening. I believe we have come to the final part of our Meeting. I extend appreciation and commend all the Members for their speeches. In a moment the opportunity will be given to the Chairperson and then the Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet will respond.

I call on the Leader of the Opposition to conclude your speech.

**Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II:** I hope we have received additional strength from the meal. Thank you to the Office for your service to the House. Returning to the statement by the Hon Prime Minister that our wants should be measured by our revenue, but the different between our needs and the revenue is \$96million which is almost \$100million. This is the difference in estimated expenditure and ordinary revenue. This is why I apologize Hon Prime Minister but there is a great error.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr speaker, I cannot leave this matter to continue in err. The theme is ‘live within your means’, it is referring to this Budget. The revenue

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includes ordinary revenue, grants and soft term loans which totals to \$785million. This is the Budget and other wants that are not in here will be done in the new year or the following years. It seems as if the House does not understand the principle of budgeting. When you prepare a Financial Statement, expenditure is measured according to the revenue from these three avenues I mentioned.

Other aspects not included in the Budget are implemented in the new year or other following years. That is the principle of budgeting. The problem is that we are talking about this Financial Statement and others are thinking of something else. We are talking about what is here in this Budget but as for other needs and wants, wait until we get to the next year then we will again review our revenue for that year. Do you understand?

**Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II:** It is better that I read the sentence that is here.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** Palu all that is in here I have already mentioned. I am reading it and then explaining it.

**Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II:** I will read it out....

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** As for other things that are not here, listen, other things that are not here are left for next year or the coming years. But for the needs that can be implemented, they are here. Do you get it? These are the only needs that could be done and they are written here.

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**Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II:** Mr Speaker, there are no needs mentioned in here even for the needs that will be done in other years. The only statement that is here is the deficit of \$96million.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** Point of order. There is no reason to talk about the year 3000, we are deliberating the 2016 Budget so there is no reason to mention the Budget of the year 2017 or 2018. These are the only projects that can be implemented and they are mentioned here. See how simple it is?

**Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II:** That is true. But the statement here is that the expenditure has exceeded the cost of needs which is what I am trying to put through. We are reading the same document.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** The needs I am talking about are the ones mentioned here.

**Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II:** These are not the projects of 2019, it is the projects for this Budget that we are deliberating. You are so thick.

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**MR SPEAKER:** The Chairperson will assist.

**Susuga Hon Papaliitele Niko Lee Hang:** Mr Speaker, I did not intend to interrupt the debate of the Hon Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition. Concerning the remarks by the Leader of the Opposition that the deficit is almost \$100million, if you read further, there are soft term financing of \$84million and the only deficit is \$12million. It is incorrect to say it is \$100million because there is soft term financing for developments. I understand also your debate on the theme of the Budget. It is very clear and true that we are not receiving all the revenue for the implementation of our work, but the projects that will be implemented are mentioned in the Budget as mentioned by the Hon Prime Minister. Only the projects mentioned will be implemented. I know that as we progress with using the budget, the 12 million deficit will be filled because we are only talking about Budget Estimates. That is the assistance so the Member may have some calm with respect.

**Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II:** Mr Speaker, it is made more incorrect. The reason for making the loans is because of the \$12million.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, a point of order. The word Budget means to estimate and the Chairperson is correct that these are just Budget Estimates. They are all estimated projects to be implemented within the estimated period.

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In truth the projects requested from all the Ministries would cost more than \$2billion and so the Ministry of Finance had to prioritize only the projects that can be implemented within this period as mentioned in this thick document but other projects are left for the new year 2017 and then the new Parliament in 2017 will consider that Budget.

**MR SPEAKER:** I believe that it is clear and understood....

**Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II:** I will move away from that matter with respect.

**MR SPEAKER:** Your view is important and the Government has responded clearly with the assistance of the Committee Chairperson. Leader of the Opposition please continue your speech.

**Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II:** I will tell you why it is unbalanced. Why is the expenditure a large amount? It is to ingratiate the HRPP supporters, see these funds are to ingratiate those that support the Government.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** A point of order Mr Speaker.



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**MR SPEAKER:** Your remark will be clarified.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** The Member began his speech hinting that the Government did not have enough projects to support the country and develop their way of living but now the Leader of the Opposition is saying we are ingratiating. Refer to page (xi), those are all the projects that foreign aid will be utilized on being education. Australian and New Zealand scholarships which was for this year for Australia is estimated at \$8million but for the next financial year it is estimated at \$7million.

Then there is agriculture with the agriculture support program of \$6.8 million, the agriculture cyclone project assisting the agriculture sector after the Cyclone Evan devastation is \$3.7million for the coming financial year but is \$5.4 million in this financial year.

Then there is the Energy Sector and then the Environment sector followed by the Tourism Sector....

**Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II:** Mr Speaker....

**MR SPEAKER:** Let the opportunity be for the clarification.

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**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** I mention these because three weeks was given for the Budget Estimates to be read but it seems that it was not read.

**MR SPEAKER:** I call on the Member to conclude your remarks.

**Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II:** Mr Speaker, I compare this Budget to the slaughtering of a cow, a cow that has more fat than meat. I recommend that we cut out the fatty parts because we will become ill from it. This is why I said of these expenses, cut them out, the ones that were mentioned by the Chairperson, those things are the fatty parts and we should cut it out because they are making the Budget ill for say infrastructure developments which we receive no revenue from. The slipway at Satitua, the airport that is planned....

**MR SPEAKER:** I beg leniency of the Leader of the Opposition, the opportunity will be give to the Chairperson.

**Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II:** Oh you are standing.

**MR SPEAKER:** I call on the Chairperson.

**Susuga Hon Papaliitele Niko Lee Hang:** Thank you. With respect, I stand as the Leader of the Opposition mentioned me. I do not understand what fatty

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parts he is talking about. I wish to understand exactly what they are and then I can respond to his remarks.

**MR SPEAKER:** I advise the Member that we are not the only ones in this meeting and we should watch our remarks and comparisons in case our work is made a mockery of especially the work done by the Chairperson. Leader of the Opposition, it is better that you use other comparisons.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** What the Government is attempting to present in the Budget is detailed explanations of all the projects.

If you refer to page (x) and (xi), many of the infrastructural projects involve water supply, the very same development that we argue about. The Leader of the Opposition seems to be irritated by it but many of the speeches today were on improving water for consumption. On the pages I mentioned are the substance of the Government's work that the Members are pleading for. This is why I said that you do not understand the Budget. How are you doing your work? You make disgracing remarks towards the developments that are benefitting our country especially in regards to education, water, medical treatment, all of that is in here. International aid is received for these programs and national development. That is the assistance to the Leader of the Opposition.

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**MR SPEAKER:** Please stand.

**Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II:** It is simple Mr Speaker. The problem with the Hon Prime Minister is that he twists my words. I did not mention health, water or education only the airport proposed for Aleipata and the slipway at Satitua. These are the fatty parts I mentioned to cut out from the Budget. I did not mention education, health, education, water, electricity or other such projects. I mention these because they are unnecessary. Members from both sides of the House....

**MR SPEAKER:** I beg leniency of the Leader for the Opposition, I call on the Hon Prime Minister.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, I will not debate this with the Leader of the Opposition. In our line of work, it is not the words that are of value but our works.

**MR SPEAKER:** I call on the Leader of the Opposition.

**Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II:** Mr Speaker, I stated in the beginning of my speech that the country will be the judge of our works, the good works that we do is for the benefit of our country. Not the whole country is benefitting, there are still those who need assistance and that is our collaborative duty. Regarding our development for the benefit of our country,

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the shadow ministers have given their support for we work together to achieve the vision....

**MR SPEAKER:** I call on the Hon Prime Minister.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** We are of different views so wait until it is your time to be on this side.

Our views are different because you have your own opinion on what is beneficial for the country. You seceded to that side because you opposed the importation of vehicles and the change in legislation. We have different views on what suffices as beneficial for our country. Our minds cannot be influenced by what you want because we are of the view that what you want is foolish. We cannot be influenced and we will leave it to the country to decide. The country has elected nine times for HRPP to return which leads to the conclusion that the country is satisfied with the developments just like the vehicles. I beg your understanding, there is nothing else and you are circling around. We cannot be influenced by your views because the proof is there. What this side is doing is what the country needs.

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**MR SPEAKER:** I beseech the Leader of the Opposition, continue your speech.

**Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II:** Mr Speaker, that is the duty of the Government, any Government for that matter, to improve the sectors you mentioned such as water and health. That is the duty of any Government and it is not something we should be proud of because it is your duty to improve the standard of living....

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** We are not being prideful. The only thing we are trying to explain is that if the country was dissatisfied with the work of this side, it is simple, but the country has voted over and over again for this side and that is the final decision. It was not our decision.

**Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II:** Mr Speaker, I believe it is late....

**MR SPEAKER:** Have control over your emotions Leader of the Opposition.

**Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II:** Because we will banter back and forth but the Hon Prime Minister will believe what he is saying and I will put forward my own views....

**MR SPEAKER:** You are right in your mind and likewise the Government.

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**Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II:** That will mean it will be late in the night and we will still be debating. Tuilaepa, there is no such intention. The only intention is that we achieve success for our people. I only now give gratitude because I did not want to extend any gratitude for the Lord sees your good works. Well done. I deem this debate end. My final word, as we are all aware, the Manu Samoa is on island and you are the Chairperson of the Union and I am ecstatic that the All Blacks have come to play. I extend greetings to all the players representing our flag.

We offer our gratitude and this Parliament supports you. Let us all go and support so that the team will see us standing together in support. Although we debate most of the time, we are friends in supporting our team. We should all back the Manu Samoa because this is history to play against the All Blacks on island. The Lord bless you so that there is no injury and we can play with sportsmanship and discipline.

My dearest Constituency, I seldom mention you because my duty is to Samoa as a whole and I do not show favoritism. You have all heard the Budget, despite the mistakes, we should live within our means. One of your very own Members is standing at the helm; Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure, may your load be lightened and get votes.

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That is my statement Mr Speaker. Hon Prime Minister and that side and the Cabinet Minister, there is no opposition, these are merely recommendations and requests, please consider them. I hope they will be considered before the Elections. If there was any offence in my remarks, cast them unto an uninhabited island. May your load be made light in the rest of this Term and God bless you with wisdom and vision in carrying out your duties.

**MR SPEAKER:** I beg leniency of the Leader of the Opposition, I will allow the opportunity.

**Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi:** Mr Speaker, I am whispering with the Member for Aana Alofi No. 3 that I should ask you why you are resigning as we just heard you bless the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure and your Constituency to vote. What is the truth so that we can latch on to the Member for Palauli le Falefa. It is a straightforward question.

**MR SPEAKER:** I call on the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure.

**Afioga Hon Manualesagalala Mati Tuigamala Enokati Posala:** Mr Speaker, I prayed for the Leader of the Opposition to say those words, thank you.

**Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II:** We are family and we get along. Who elects us? Our Constituency.

I conclude my remarks Mr Speaker. Well done for calming this Meeting and I pray that the Lord bless you. Thank you for the opportunity. God bless this Meeting and Parliament, thank you.

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**MR SPEAKER:** There is a man from Vaivase Tai named Vavae Toma that says, “We do not have much, but we have because we are cunning”.

Thank you for your remarks Leader of the Opposition. You need not stray from the shadow of the coconut tree. Samoa is listening in as well as the House. It is the norm with the Budget that we do not sugar coat our words.

Your duty is the Opposition of the Government, big or small. Whether it is right or wrong, it is referred to the Government for their consideration. That concludes the speeches by all the Members and I am grateful and extend my congratulations to the Leader of the Opposition. I need not address your years as a veteran of this Parliament working alongside others who have been called home by our Lord and now you are the Leader of the Opposition. Have patience and whatever your debate with the Hon Prime Minister, in the end you are brothers and there is only one intention, the success of Samoa.

I now deem it fit Chairperson that you make your speech to conclude before the Government replies. I call on Susuga Papaliitele.

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**Susuga Hon PAPALIITELE NIKO LEE HANG:** I extend my gratitude to you Mr Speaker for the opportunity. I thank you for your patience and I believe it is late and I will be brief on the Budget because most of the recommendations are in the Committee Report. It has been the norm to hear that we should sew a suit according to our material. My interpretation of the theme is complemented with the statement that the expenditure is reduced without any impact on the nation. I emphasize this because the theme to live within our means suggests that the expenditure should not exceed the estimates. If you refer to the Budget summary, the expenditure is a little bit more than the revenue. I believe that the message in the theme is that we use the funds wisely. That is also my message to the Government Ministries because we have limited resources and funds should be used on the priorities stated without impacting the service to the country. That is my view on this matter.

I also remind the Leader of Opposition, that the Budget is only estimates. We cannot foresee whether the funds are not enough until it has been implemented and if such an issue should arise, and then we should be concerned. After five years of considering the Budget, no such serious situation has ever occurred. The actuals presented are valid and sometimes estimates are more than the actuals, but there are also Ministry savings to balance it out should there be overspending.

That is the assistance on the Budget but there are some matters that I wish to speak on because I assume that many of you have not read the Recommendations. Regarding the Budget for the Office of the Legislative Assembly, there is an appropriation of \$500,000 for the demolition of the old Maota building. We also noted that it is appropriated for in the Budget for the Ministry of Finance. When queried, the response was that the Ministry of Finance should fund the demolition. The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly was called and the statement made was that the Office will deal with many preparations for the dissolution of Parliament and the swearing in of the new

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Parliament as well as the relocation to Tuanaimato but they do not have a sufficient budget for these events.

The Committee recommendation is that the Ministry of Finance leave the \$500,000 in the Budget for the Office in consideration of the many events as well as servicing Parliament.

Mr Speaker, it is disappointing to see the estimates of the Office of the Legislative Assembly because personally, site visits are valuable especially for the Finance and Expenditure Committee in verifying the projects that public monies is expended on. During the consideration of this Budget, a site visit was proposed but there were no remaining funds for this output because the Office budget was exceeded. I offer a recommendation that there should be an appropriation for Committee site visits, especially the Finance and Expenditure Committee to be certain that the report is accurate and complete.

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We should not only listen and observe but also be able to touch so as to verify the quality of the assets. That is the humble request to the Clerk that there should be an appropriation for the Finance and Expenditure Committee and other Parliamentary Committees for site visits are important in confirming the reports presented.

I have continued on these matters and have forgotten to address the House; Mr Speaker, Hon Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister and the Cabinet Minister, Leader of the Opposition and Deputy Leader as well as the Associate Ministers and all the Members of Parliament.

I also greet the dignity of Samoa from the mountains to the shores in all your honorific salutations; *Tama ma o latou Aiga, Aiga ma Tama, le Usoga a Tumua ma Pule, Ituau ma Alataua, Aiga i le Tai ma le Vaa o Fonoti.*

I also address and greet His Highness, O le Ao o le Malo and your Good Lady as well as the Member for the Council of Deputies and your Good Lady. I extend greetings to the Chief Justice and the Judiciary as well as the Heads of all the Government departments that are present this evening.

I acknowledge also my new electorate, Urban East. There will be a time and I will explain and make a reminder of the changes that have been passed by Parliament for the Individual Voters to be changed to the seat for the Urban East and Urban West. Greetings are also extended to the Leaders of the various congregations across Samoa praying for success.

Mr Speaker, regarding the Ministry of Prisons, we also have a recommendation regarding this entity but there is no explanation. There is an appropriation for the land at Lalomanu. During the Committee visit, the unsafe and poor condition of the Police headquarters was witnessed for the prison at Olomanu and the Office for the new Prisons Commissioner for Tafaigata and there is a need for funds for these renovations.

The recommendation is that the appropriation for this land be modified and assistance be given to the renovations to the places I mentioned for it is a need. That is the request to the Hon Minister of Prisons.

For the requests of my new Constituency, the Member for Vaimauga West has spoken and I beg tolerance of both the Member for Vaimauga West and

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Vaimauga East for the Urban Seats will include some of their constituents living on registered freehold land.

Other requests were mentioned by the Member for Vaimauga West to the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure. There is the road beginning at Tanugamanono to Tiavi as I have heard the Government is preparing to repair this road. This is a road that should be prioritized because the New Zealand High Commissioner, Australian High Commissioner, American Ambassador, Chinese Ambassador and other consulates residents are located along this road. It is a narrow road and if you meet a bus along this road, the pedestrians slip along the sidewalks and it can eventuate in accidents if it is not taken care of soon. This is the only road within the urban area that is not smooth and if you have a new car, it will creak and squeak travelling up this road but thankfully the Government is proposing repair work on this road.

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Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure, it has been about two years since the establishment of the Catholic Divine Mercy School in Malololelei and there is a need for a tarred road leading to the school. It is the Governments policy that where there is a school, the road should be tarred and water supply available. This part of the country is facing water woes especially problems with the poor condition of the road especially when it rains. The Member for Vaimauga West also mentioned the Vaisigano river and I also add to his plea. I believe there are plans to reconstruct the river banks because when there is heavy rain, the water overflows and affects the families living close to the bank.

Finally, despite the new Seat not in place but it has been passed for the Individual Voters seat to be changed to Urban Seats. I thank the constituents for the time we have had together, thank you for your support of this humble person to be your Member for 3 Parliamentary Terms which is 15 years of your trust in me. I pray that you will continue to lend me your trust and support to continue serving and if I have caused any offence in my actions of words, I beg your forgiveness. It is true that the fisherman is wise but his catch is never enough.

Those are my remarks Mr Speaker on the Appropriation Bill 2015/2016. May the good Lord bless you with long life and health as you conduct our Parliamentary work. With all due respect, thank you.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you. Your appreciation is noted and that concludes this part with the speech from the Finance and Expenditure Committee Chairperson. On behalf of the Parliament, I thank you Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and Members of the Committee for your task was not a simple one. I witnessed you work in to the long hours of the night. Chairperson of the Committee, congratulations and a job well done, your task is now completed and we have your recommendations to the Government for consideration in the continuation of their work.

I believe we will continue and the floor will be given to the Hon Prime Minister to allocate the order of the Government Responses as per usual. I call on the Hon Prime Minister.

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**Susuga Hon TUILAEPA FATIALOFA AUELUA LUPESOLIAI AIONO NEIOTI SAILELE MALIELEGAOI:** Mr Speaker, as per normal when deliberating the Appropriation Bill, I make a brief statement and then the responses will follow beginning with the Hon Minister of Police and Prisons, followed by the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure and so forth and if there are any remaining issues left unanswered, I will try to respond to them.

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Before I sit, with all due respect, I extend gratitude and acknowledgement to the Leader of Opposition, Deputy Leader of Opposition and that side of the House on their comments on the Appropriation Bill 2015/2016 to begin in July next month until June in the new year. It is personally pleasing that as our deliberations and debates progressed, there is no change to the normal atmosphere of humor and respect which I believe makes our Parliament stand out. And when there are rhetorics that offend, they are received with jest but the respect remains. There are times we stand and reply as if in anger but do not think that we are not noting the importance in which the recommendations are made. We do not show that we value it, but we are considering it during our decision making. It is evident with the many recommendations made that there was research in the speeches made.

There are some brief matters that I should comment on. I want to speak on the Appropriation Bill 2015/2016 and the normal procedure in the preparation of the Budget Estimates which begins in April with a Budget call to remind the Ministries of their proposals for the new financial year and then they present their individual budgets including the expenditure and estimated revenue then there is a budget consultation with the Ministry of Finance. This is where many budget cuts are made and we see the realization of the theme “live within your means”. After all these processes then it is referred to the Cabinet. This is the second consultation on the estimates and then it is tabled and referred to the Finance and Expenditure Committee. If there are any contradictions, they are corrected here and this is why this Committee is very important because they have the opportunity to call in all the Ministries and Corporations. The membership of the Committee includes Members from both sides of the House to scrutinize the Budget in its entirety.

There are probably billions of requests from the Ministries and they have been cut down by the Ministry of Finance to priorities that are most needed and the other requests are put aside. In the new financial year, next year there will be a budget call again and the process continues and that is the basic principle of budget preparations where projects are prioritized according to what can be done. This is why the Heads of the Government entities are called in. This practice was initiated by the Government in 1984 where Heads of departments were called in to listen and when a Leader of Opposition mentioned a matter that needed immediate attention then the response could be given and there is no confusion.



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When they prepare their reports, they are also aware of what should be included in it. Then it is referred to the Ministry of Finance, as is with any Government that employs those knowledgeable at analyzing estimated revenue and expenditure. There are three avenues from which revenue is generated; ordinary revenue, overseas grants and soft term loans. The Budget mentions all the active loans. The overspending has been mentioned, there are loans to cover these so that our developments can continue within the three or four years estimated.

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For instance, the hospital which was not done in one year. A soft term loan was made and then it is continued in phases which cause error thinking that there is a new loan every time but this is not correct. The one loan that was made is being spread out and continued. There is a piece of the loan to be used in 2013, then in 2014, 2015 and 2016. This is what is meant by live within our means; this is the golden rule in preparation of any budget. There is no difference in the preparation of the budget for a Government and a private business. Also Mr Speaker, we should remember that there is a 3% of the Budget which is approximately \$20million that is put aside for unforeseen expenditure. This was passed a few years ago. It began with only 1% and then it was increased to 3% which was allowed by a Constitutional Amendment.

Moreover, we should remember that the Budget is not actuals, they are estimates. They only become actuals when the funds are received. There is only one person that knows what will happen tomorrow and that is God but we estimate for 12 months in the future. This is why I mentioned in the beginning that there is no one on this earth that can predict what will happen in the next 12 months. Find a Government that has a balanced budget, there is no such Government on this earth that can do that. Why? Single fact, there is no one living on this earth that knows what will happen tomorrow or the day after let alone 12 months in the future. This is why we have a Supplementary Budget when at that time there is a review of the work implemented and there can be adjustments and additional funds can be appropriated. The monitoring function does not end there. There is monitoring by the Ministry of Finance and the Audit Office. If the Ministry of Finance sees that for instance in expenditure, if the Clerk requests a site visit, the Ministry of Finance will look at the budget and find there are no funds then there will be no site visits and that is the end. The monitoring function is continuous for these two entities, the Ministry of Finance and the Audit Office because afterwards the financial statements are audited.

This is why Mr Speaker, there is nothing to be concerned over.

Regarding developments Mr Speaker, the guiding notion for every Government is to try and improve the various sectors of the country. This is the initiating view behind the HRPP motto that what is good for Apia is also good for the rural areas. The basis of this is because all the services are found in the town area which leads to all the people coming to the town area eventuating in increase in criminal activity.

This initiative is a solution and taking the services to the rural areas stops them from coming to the town area. This is why hotels are encouraged to be

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established in the rural areas. This was also the reason why schools were established in the rural areas so that students can stay and develop their villages and not come to the town area and cause brawls and smoke marijuana because that is the case nowadays. Other services are also available such as hospices, fire services and profitable businesses such as there are in Salelologa and Aleipata allowing businesses to remain in the rural areas.

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There were challenges and water and electricity was connected. This is why there are delays in these efforts because of the delay in connecting electricity and water especially when there is a need to drill the belly of the earth. In the villages where there is water, there are issues with the village and the Government. These are done by the Government Mr Speaker.

I mention these because it seemed to be humorous when the matter of developing the new town in Salelologa was mentioned and new large scale businesses were needed to stop people in Savaii from travelling and remain and develop Savaii. In another few years, the fact is that Savaii will be developed more than Upolu because of the large land there is available and it is easier for the development. So a resident in Savaii that has foresight will not come to Upolu but stay in Savaii and develop the island which is why the Government was quick to allow the logging company to Savaii. The problem was that after logging all the trees, they left. There were many issues with the entry to the harbor for the Asau wharf. This is a natural harbor formed from the rivers and it has spread onto the reef. The Government of the day employed scientists from Holland known for their high rises on the shore. One scientist dove down and tested the rock.

The conclusion was that there is no equipment that can barrage the volcanic rock. That was why the Government of the day, led by Tupua Tamasese Lealofi IV could not do any work in Asau. The truth is the entry to the harbor was done again because the area that was reclaimed for the airport covered the entry after Cyclone Ofa. The sea dredged up the rock and land and it is now in the harbor. This means that the wharf needs to be deepened so that it can be used by fishing vessels.

In October, the negotiations with the company Bumblebee will be completed for the two buildings that are currently there. The intention is to remove these ventures from the town area. They also face challenges where they find ways to gain profit with less expenditure. Those are also some issues faced by the Government but we are not being idle, we are looking at ways to attract investors. We are seeking investors and encouraging them to invest in Savaii because the future of Samoa is in Savaii not Upolu because there is a lot of land in Savaii.

Mr Speaker, those are some matters and I again extend my appreciation. What you may think of our responses, it is just so we can respond but there are many positive comments that can be used to further improve our Government.

We will now continue with our orders of the day beginning with Afioga Sala until it comes around to me to conclude. God bless our Meeting.

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**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you Hon Prime Minister, I believe I will not say much further on the matter.

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**Afioga Hon SALA FATA LISATI PINATI:** I extend a word of appreciation Mr Speaker and the dignity of the House, Hon Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister and the Cabinet as well as that side of the House, Leader of Opposition and all the Members of Parliament and heads of the Government departments. I listened to the speeches and the different tones of the remarks but the main theme was to live within our means. I will respond to the matters before the House pertaining to the Ministry of Police, Prisons and Fire Emergency Services.

I will begin with the vehicles with the one question, how does the vehicle get to Samoa? The response is with the limited funds, we work according to our strength. The same is with the outposts, the belief is that the country needs these for their protection but despite the need there are insufficient funds. I pray to the House and the country listening in to have patient. We can implement all the things requested if we could.

The dignity of the House, I state this because we cannot implement anything from vehicles to outposts because of the limited funds. The academy is a dream but an important one. This is where many will be trained in the service of our country and they can be dispatched overseas for missions and they can receive money to take care of their family but it is based on integrity because if there is no integrity or honesty by the students that will attend this academy, it will remain a dream and not be realized.

Mr Speaker, I feel that this is the response to the remarks made to the House and I wish to thank my Constituency for their support. Thank you Mr Speaker and the esteemed House.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you. We are near the hour of recess and this is not a simple task as we are about to give the opportunity to the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure therefore it is better that we begin afresh tomorrow and give time to the Hon Minister to prepare his response. We are nearing the early hours of the morning and I deem it fit that we have a break.

Before we recess, I wish to thank all the Members of the Chamber for the work that we were able to accomplish today. We thank the Lord for our renewed strength to continue with our orders of the day into this hour of the night.

I commend Samoa for your devotion as we continue our work at this time when the country is resting. I believe that the support of our duties remain and may God be forever loving and charitable in His grace. I extend my appreciation to everyone for their work this day.

Blessings be upon the Heads of Government Departments, thank you for being with us.

Tofa Tusa Misi Tupuola, before we conclude, I ask that you close our Meeting with a word of prayer.

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